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How the Republicans can win (and why they probably won't)



Once a reliably Republican state, since 1996, Republicans have held New Hampshire's corner office for only two years.

With the election of Maggie Hassan, New Hampshire voters have said yes to Republicans only once in nine elections. We're 1 and 8, a worse record than any team in the entire NFL or NBA! Has New Hampshire become a reliably Democratic state? No! New Hampshireites, like most Americans, are, in large part, moderates that lean slightly to the right. Subsequently, New Hampshire, like America, is reluctant to elect candidates who lean too far right or left.

But is that the message that the Republican Party has gotten from this past election cycle? Heck no! Too many Republicans think that they lost because their candidates weren't conservative enough. This thinking will lead to further marginalization of Republicans by the electorate.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, during his presidential bid in the '90s, made the comment that "America cannot afford to be run by either the intolerant right or the incompetent left." While candidates like this may win primaries, more often than not, they lose in general elections. The Republicans may have taken control of the U.S. Senate, if so many of their nominees (Nevada, Missouri, Indiana, Delaware) were not so easily painted as "kooks."

Ronald Reagan once said, "That person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and ally, not a 20 percent traitor." Tell that to the average Republican activist. According to many of them, that 20 percent dissension deems someone a RINO (Republican in Name Only). Why would individuals like myself, who agree in large part with the fiscal concerns raised by Republicans, want to be a part of a group with a base that calls you names? If the GOP wants fiscal conservatives with socially moderate positions back in the fold, they must change their tone or continue to lose.

In January, there will be an election to determine who will lead the NH GOP. At first, when I heard that Cliff Hurst, the party's vice chairman, was interested in seeking the position, I had some hope. Hurst welcomes everyone. But Hurst has decided not to run. The candidates who are pursuing the role are Jennifer Horn and Andrew Hemingway. I don't doubt the good intentions of either candidate. But where's the unifying voice welcoming all fiscal conservatives back into the tent? I don't hear it. I hope that I'm wrong.



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Cutting down the wait

The state Department of Health and Human Services is releasing a plan designed to reduce wait times for patients at local hospital emergency rooms for inpatient psychiatric care. The combination of budget reductions, the closure of local hospital inpatient psychiatric units and the loss of 60 beds at the New Hampshire Hospital has resulted in a waiting list of patients. Many are faced with waiting several days in a hospital emergency room for a bed to become available at New Hampshire Hospital, according to a state press release.

“This is of critical concern to me personally, and DHHS as an organization,” said Commissioner Nicholas Toumpas in a statement. “It is unacceptable for someone experiencing a psychiatric crisis to have to wait this long for critical inpatient care, for both the individual as well as their concerned family members.”

Toumpas said while the department develops its budget request for the next two-year state budget, officials will also look to obtain new funding to provide programs that help individuals receive the care they need within their communities.

The wait-reduction plan includes temporarily reopening 12 beds at New Hampshire Hospital, using New Hampshire hospital staff at local emergency rooms, and expanding peer-run crisis respite beds. DHHS will make requests in its budget for more funding to increase the number of Assertive Community Treatment teams, to expand residential options for consumers, and expand peer-run services, including peer crisis beds.

Cornerstone leader

Cornerstone Policy Research and Cornerstone Action announced last week that Ashley Pratte will be the organization’s new executive director beginning in January. Pratte, who is a Manchester native, recently served in Rep. Frank Guinta’s office. Pratte will replace Shannon McGinley, who has served as acting executive director since the summer. Kevin Smith previously served in the role, until he resigned to run for governor this year. “We will



Ashley Pratte will take over as executive director of Cornerstone Policy Research in January. Courtesy photo.

focus on New Hampshire families, education, youth outreach, and putting an end to human trafficking here in our state,” Pratte said in a statement. “New Hampshire will succeed only when its families succeed, and I will work tirelessly for that cause.”

Gatsas not a delegate

Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas, who won easily in both of his elections for mayor and who many think might run for governor in 2014, will not be a delegate at the state Republican Party’s annual convention. Delegates, of which there are 500 in the state, will be voting on party by-laws and on elected positions, including the next state GOP chairman. Manchester Republicans declined to make Gatsas one of the city’s 33 delegates in a meeting last week. A Union Leader report suggested there was an effort to elect delegates who were in attendance at the meeting — Gatsas was absent — rather than an effort not to elect Gatsas.

Hassan picks staffers

Gov.-elect Maggie Hassan announced last week that Pamela Walsh will be her chief of staff, and Lucy Hodder will be her legal counsel. “Pamela Walsh has demonstrated time and again that she is one of the most knowledgeable, creative, and effective public servants in our state, and as chief of staff, her experience will be invaluable to our efforts to build a stronger, more innovative New Hampshire,” Hassan said in a statement.

Walsh currently serves as Hassan’s transition director and has

previously served as deputy chief of staff for Gov. John Lynch and as press secretary for former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen. Hodder, currently a shareholder in the firm of Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., is a New Hampshire health care, regulatory and employment attorney.

The negotiators

Hassan also chose her negotiating team last week. The team will negotiate contracts with the state’s four unions: the State Employees Association, New Hampshire Troopers’ Association, New England Police Benevolent Association, and the New Hampshire International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who represent state employees.

Team members are Matt Newland, manager of employee relations for the state; Tom Manning, assistant secretary of state; Katja Fox, DHHS health care specialist; Kevin O’Brien, chief of policy and planning at the state Department of Safety; Mike Wilkey, director of life, accident and health at the state Department of Insurance; and Sara Willingham, deputy director of the state Division of Personnel.

Expanded collaboration

St. Joseph Hospital and Catholic Medical Center have expanded their long-standing cardiac collaboration to include a range of vascular services. The two hospitals have spent more than a decade partnering in the area of cardiac

Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas will proclaim Thursday, Dec. 20, Ugly Sweater Day in the Queen City. Gatsas, presumably donning his own ugly sweater, will make the proclamation at noon at the Intown Holiday Market, 1000 Elm St.

Nashua police officers used a taser to subdue an unruly shopper at the Apple store in the Pheasant Lane Mall in **Nashua** last week. Another shopper captured a video of part of the incident. The tasered shopper, who had allegedly been told to leave the store a previous day for videotaping customers, blamed a language barrier in reports. Nashua police said no undue force was used, according to reports.

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen toured Polartec Manufacturing in **Hudson** on Monday, Dec. 17. She discussed budget negotiations during the visit.

care. As part of the collaboration, CMC’s vascular surgeons, Dr. Patrick Mahon, Dr. William Clutterbuck and Dr. Patricia Furey, have joined the medical staff at St. Joseph Hospital. In the coming weeks, cardiothoracic surgeons,

Dr. Yvon Baribeau and Dr. Benjamin Westbrook will also be joining the St. Joseph Hospital medical staff, according to a hospital press release. Call 627-1887.

BEST WEEK



THE WAY HOME

The Way Home in Manchester recently received an environmental justice grant, worth as much as \$25,000, from the EPA to help the nonprofit organization seek healthier solutions for chronic pest problems in low-income rental housing. The project targets multifamily residential buildings and seeks to reduce tenant exposure to pest infestations that may cause asthma in children, allergic reactions and other significant effects on human health, according to an EPA press release. Modeled after the approach used by Boston Public Housing, the project aims to teach residents effective communication techniques, empowering them with information to become successful advocates for their communities, the release said.

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RICH PEOPLE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

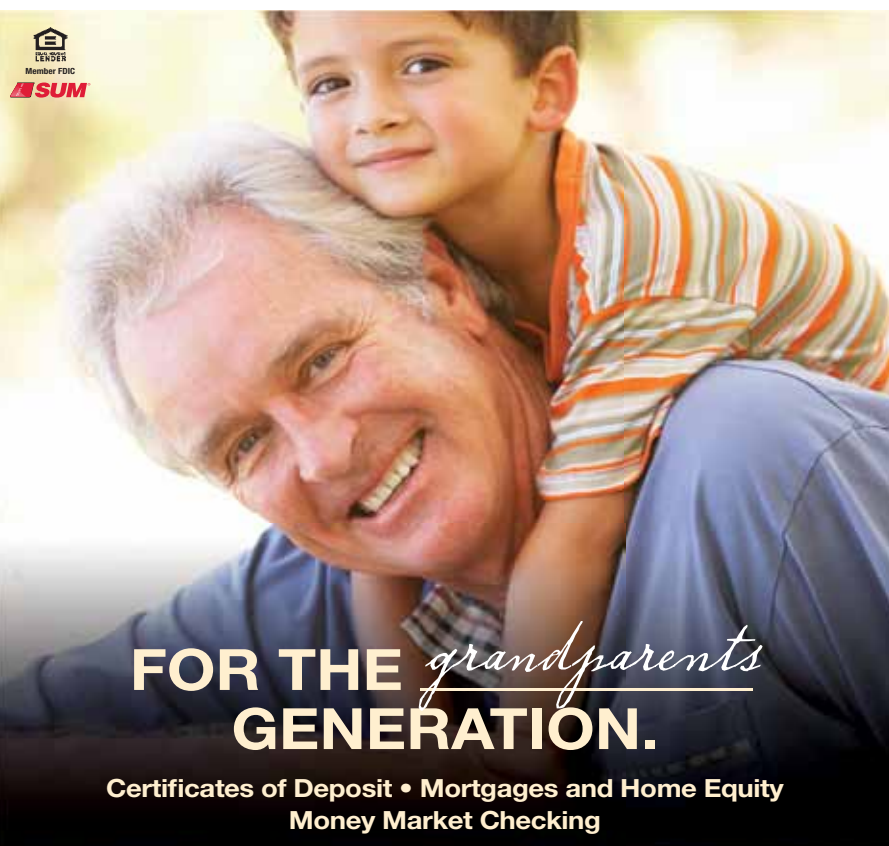
It seems the New Hampshire public would be happy to raise taxes on the rich. A recent New England College poll revealed 66 percent of residents support raising taxes on families making more than \$250,000 each year, with 28 percent opposed. The poll, which examined a number of economic issues, took place between Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Thursday, Dec. 6.

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Guarded optimism

Retailers say so far, so good for holiday sales

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On the one hand, New Hampshire residents are reasonably optimistic the coming year will be a better one financially, both for themselves and for the country. On the other hand, residents aren't optimistic enough to spend any extra this year in their holiday shopping, according to a recent poll by New England College.

A plurality of voters, 47 percent to 32 percent, believes their personal finances will be stronger next year than they are today, according to the New England College poll.

In addition, nearly half of respondents, 49 percent to 38 percent, believe the national economy will be stronger a year from now. But a large majority of residents, 57 percent to 19 percent, say their spending for this holiday season will be no greater than last year. The poll, which took place between Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Thursday, Dec. 6, examined a host of economic issues as well.

"I thought it was sort of a very interesting result myself," said Ben Tafoya, who directs the polling operation at New England College. "My take was that it was guarded optimism."

The poll did not examine whether people intended to spend less on holiday shopping this year, but Tafoya said the results indicate retailers shouldn't be expecting a big increase.

"The one sign of trouble in this poll is the hesitancy to commit to more spending this holiday season," said Dr. Wayne Lesperance, director of the Center for Civic Engagement at New England College. "This could be an indication of reduced consumer spending in the near term that hurts the economy. If Congress does not find a reasonable way to address the fiscal cliff and our nation's debt, the voters' fragile sense of confidence could suddenly evaporate."

The holiday shopping season can be a strong indicator for the economy as a whole.

"Because so much of the retail year is packed into the Christmas shopping season, anywhere from 25 to 50 percent of the year ... if Christmas is not strong, then they're not going to have a strong year," Tafoya said. "If people are optimistic about the future, then they consume a little bit more. If they're pessimistic, they consume a little less."

Retailers give thumbs up

While polling indicates some mixed signals are floating around out there, retailers are reporting that the holiday season is going well.



"Retailers have been very successful during the holiday season so far," said Nancy Kyle, president of the Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire. "You've seen that just driving around seeing malls filled, big box stores filled, and Main Street parking spaces filled."

Kyle sees strong consumer confidence in New Hampshire, and she expects it to continue that way this holiday shopping season.

Andrea Lessard, who owns two boutiques on Hanover Street in Manchester, Shop Estella and Statement, said sales are stronger this year and traffic is more steady compared to last year. Her stores, which sell unique apparel and accessories, feature "wish lists" where presumably women can fill out lists to help their husbands or boyfriends pick out items. That has grown in popularity, Lessard said. Accessories have been popular, as Lessard said they are easy gift pickups, since customers don't need to know sizes.

Philip Scotsas, owner of Scotsas Jewelry & Fine Decor in Nashua, said the holiday shopping season is going very well. Speaking last week, he said sales figures were running ahead of last year's pace.

"We're trending higher than we have

been the last couple years ... which is exciting," Scotsas said. "We had a very good opening to the Black Friday weekend. The week before Thanksgiving was strong. In Nashua, we have the Holiday Stroll, which was huge, but we also had Small Business Saturday. We had great momentum. ... We're hoping for a big finish and a good new year."

Black Friday weekend was strong for Lessard as well.

"We did some promotions, and they did very well," Lessard said.

She also said she's expecting those sales trends to continue.

"There's always a big push at the end, especially with the men," Lessard said.

Kyle said the larger retailers, such as the Merrimack Premium Outlets, that opened on Thanksgiving night were hugely successful. In some instances, Black Friday sales were down, but Kyle said that was because more people shopped on Thanksgiving night this year. Kyle said small retailers have experienced strong sales as well.

Cyber Monday was the biggest online shopping day in the country's history, experiencing a 25 percent increase from last year, Kyle said.

"There are just so many different ways for consumers to shop these days," Kyle said.

Online sales don't help a business like Scotsas', but he said his customers are more likely to be people who really want to touch and feel something before they buy it.

Some products are simply more convenient and much cheaper to buy online, Scotsas said.

"But I think jewelry and higher end products, people do tend to want to come in and look at it, to shop like we used to," Scotsas said.

"I don't know that it affects us," Lessard said of the growth of online sales. "We're such a niche market. With my products, customers come because they want to come in and be helped. Sometimes it's just nice to see what you're buying and feel it."

Black Friday isn't necessarily a day or a weekend where shoppers think about shopping local, but Nashua's Small Business Saturday — the day after Black Friday — was a hit.

"It has become such a big box store day, so to bring awareness to shopping at small businesses that Saturday, it's a great idea and it really resonates with people," Scotsas said. "It's become a happy alternative to a crazy day. ... It's comfortable. It's like shopping years ago. It's just a really nice way to bring attention to small businesses."

Other factors

Retailers are benefiting from an extended period of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. There are 32 days between the two holidays — the most there can be. Shoppers essentially have an extra week to work with, Kyle said.

While the forecast had looked daunting for this past Sunday, so far, Kyle said the weather has helped create an inviting shopping environment. Scotsas said retailers are certainly benefiting from the extra days this holiday season, as well as the good weather so far.

Naturally, New Hampshire retailers benefit from the lack of a sales tax, with shoppers from other states crossing the border to take advantage, Kyle said. "Even in the throes of the worst economy, retailers here always do a little better and a lot better than others because of that," Kyle said.

Plus, gas prices and heating prices have dropped in recent weeks, and "that makes people feel good," Kyle said. 🌧️

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GOP struggled with continuity in state party leadership

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It's been a revolving door at the state GOP when it comes to the position of chairman.

Fergus Cullen, who served as state GOP chairman from 2007 to 2009, said the lack of continuity in the party's chairmanship has been a contributing factor to its problems in three of the last four state elections. There have been eight party chairmen in the last eight years. Beyond that, Cullen said there have been even more executive directors, which, unlike the chairmanship, is a paid position.

With former governor and former White House Chief of Staff John Sununu wanting the job, Cullen opted against seeking reelection in 2009. Sununu took the party's helm, bringing stability, strong fundraising and widespread victories in 2010. But Sununu didn't want to stick around longer than two years.

"He is a category unto himself," Cullen said. "But if people think the reason the party was so successful in 2010 was because of the chairman, well, they're just wrong about that. Governor Sununu is a category unto himself, but Republicans won big in 49 other states. ... I want to give him credit for maximizing the opportunity, but the party benefited from a really good year. If he had been chairman in 2012, we still would have gotten beat."

With Sununu bowing out in 2011, stability and strong fundraising bowed out as well. Sununu's preferred candidate, Juliana Bergeron, lost to tea party activist Jack Kimball in the race for chairman. But Kimball didn't last. He was essentially forced to resign last fall after less than a year on the job, whereupon the party's vice chairman, Wayne MacDonald, was called upon to serve. MacDonald's tenure culminated with catastrophic defeats in the 2012 elections.

"I do think Republicans need to have realistic expectations about the power that a chairman has," Cullen said. "People seem to think that the chair has some kind of magic wand. They don't."

This time around, Jennifer Horn seems to have widespread establishment support in the latest race for chairman, while activist Andrew Hemingway appears to be looking to tap into the same support Kimball enjoyed in his victory.

and two years later, the party bounced back to beat an incumbent Republican governor. Similarly, in 2010 Democrats were blown out, but the party still re-elected Ray Buckley as chairman, and two years later, the party saw widespread victories in the 2012 election.

"Politics is ebb and flow, and you have good and bad cycles," Cullen said. "Democrats are clearly more realistic about the macro factors that affect election cycles."

Richard Girard, host of the radio show *Girard At Large* on WLMW in Manchester, called the position of party chairman thankless. He said Democrats understand the purpose of the party is to elect fellow Democrats.

"[Republicans] need to understand that the purpose of the party is to get members of the party elected," Girard said. "It seems that people wanting to have it their way has gotten in the way of that purpose."

"We have to stop making perfect the enemy of the good," added Girard, who is a former aide to former Manchester Mayor Ray Wiczeorek.

The state GOP is now looking for its fifth chairman in six years. That is in stark contrast to the state Democratic party, which has had two chairmen in the last decade. But the constant flux that is the GOP chairmanship hasn't been a case of people not wanting the post. Cullen will be advocating for a by-law to pay the chairman.

"It opens up the field of potential candidates," Cullen said.

"It's very difficult for people who have to work for a living to also man the helm to build that infrastructure and create it as an effective entity," Girard added.

The party certainly can't expect to compete year in and year out with volunteers or underpaid staff members, Girard said.

No cues from the top

Republicans haven't held the governor's office since 2004. In the past, the Republican governor would essentially decide who the chairman would be. Cullen said Sununu and former Gov. Steve Merrill picked their chairmen, and he guessed that if Democratic Gov. John Lynch had wanted someone other than Ray Buckley as chairman, somebody else would hold the post.

"Republicans don't have a governor to tell them who to vote for," Cullen said.

Girard said Republicans don't necessarily need a governor, but a better infrastructure.

"For years, the state Republican committee was an organ of whatever the Republican governor who occupied the corner office," Girard said. "It never really developed a stand-alone infrastructure." 🐼

A marked contrast

In 2002, Cullen recalled that Democrats got blown out in elections. Democrats still re-elected Kathy Sullivan as chairwoman,

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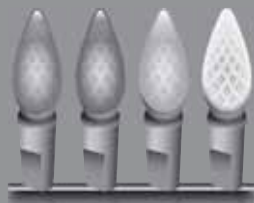
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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

Best of the best

Heidi Welch named state's 2013 Teacher of the Year

Heidi Welch, a music teacher at Hillsborough-Deering High School for the past 15 years, was chosen as the 2013 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year earlier this fall. Welch will take part in the national teacher of the year competition this winter. "I'm still kind of in a whirlwind with everything that's happened," Welch said.

Q: *What was your reaction to being recognized?*

At first, it was relief. ... This started way back in the spring, when ... one of the music department parents nominated me for the award. The nomination can come from anywhere. I think a lot of teachers ... got that [nomination] letter and were so frightened of the process that they didn't go through with it. But if a parent valued my efforts that much to nominate me, then I should value his nomination. [From there, a group of semifinalists was narrowed to a field of eight. Administrators then went to visit finalists' districts and interviewed finalists, colleagues, family and students.] In June, they narrowed it to the final five. ... Then I had two months to prepare a speech, and a national package. On Aug. 1, I gave my speech, and then I left, and you hear nothing. ... It was complete radio silence for two whole months (laughing). [Welch found out she was the winner on Oct. 1.] I was relieved more than anything and surprised and honored and humbled, and all the things that come with it, for representing all the teachers.

[Welch is enjoying the attention the honor has brought to her district.]

I was thrilled for the honor and I was thrilled for the attention for my tiny little school and my tiny district. ... It's nice to get some attention. We're not a Bedford or Bow or the other districts that get a lot of attention. It's nice to see the attention for our little district, because we're busting our butt and doing the best we can for our kids. It's about time that we get a light shined on us. I'm proud that my work was able to bring that light here.

What drew you to teaching?

I wanted to be an English teacher when I left high school. I was a Manchester Central grad in 1992. ... I played band and did chorus... They had a stellar department. When I started college, I just knew I couldn't stop that train. I went to the dean of the music department at the time and told him I was thinking about changing my major from English to music. Before I knew it, I was enrolled in the music program.

What do you do to inspire your students?

No matter where you come from, because I came from pretty much nothing, that just doesn't matter. As long as you



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work hard, you can be proud of everything you put out. But it takes work and it takes more than you think you have on the inside. It takes your heart, your soul and your brain, with

no excuses. We all

have baggage. ... I have kids that have really tough lives. Some of these kids are homeless. Kids are coming from horrible situations at home. Some know I've come from something similar. But guess what, if you sit there and play the pity part, then you're not going anywhere. ... I hope I'm teaching more than just music. I'm teaching to do more with your lives. The only way out of a bad situation is to become educated. You get a free education through grade 12. That's a gift. Kids in other countries would go bananas for that.

What's your favorite part of teaching?

My kids. When I got my master's degree, some people said to go into administration, but I decided to focus on instruction and curriculum. I love figuring out how kids learn and how to make education better and more accessible. My classroom involves music, literature, math, science and foreign languages; there are so many things... My kids are the best kids in the universe. These kids have heart. ... Their drive and this community, the staff here, it's just tremendous.

[Welch's school district has not scored well on state standardized tests.] Is it difficult to work with that stigma?

It was. We got a new administration last year who just turned our school from a very negative culture into a very positive one. ... It's a cultural thing more than anything. ... Let's change the culture to make us believe in ourselves and to have pride in our work and pride in what we do.

You've received a lot of community support for the music program. How has that worked?

It's an amazing little town here. ... If you're in need, boy do they support you. They helped us get to Disney World. The concerts are packed. We are very, very blessed that the community supports music and arts.

-Jeff Mucciarone



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Living free and being healthy

New Hampshire ranked No. 3 in overall health in 2012, according to the United Foundation's 2012 America's Health Rankings. That's actually a drop for New Hampshire, which came in second last year. Vermont scored the top spot for the sixth year in a row, while Mississippi and Louisiana tied for last. New Hampshire scored well for its low percentage of children in poverty, its low violent crime rate, its low infant mortality rate and its high rate of high school graduation. The state's challenges were listed as its low per capita public health funding and its moderate prevalence of binge drinking. Visit americashealthrankings.com.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: "By identifying the key opportunities we face as a state we can pursue innovative solutions to those opportunities," said Sandra Nichols, chief medical officer for UnitedHealthcare Clinical Service's northeast region.

Here come New Hampshire's cottontails

Cottontails make their home in New Hampshire, thanks to a captive-breeding facility at the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Rhode Island earlier this year. Nine rabbits, considered an endangered series in the state, are spending the winter in an outdoor pen in Newington, from which they will transition to life in the wild, according to an article in the Concord Monitor. The cottontail, which was once common throughout the Northeast, has decreased dramatically in population, as development of land and natural forest growth cut into its available habitat.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: Projects are underway to restore 2,000 acres of shrubland habitat across New Hampshire by 2030. The Fish and Game Department's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program has started a fundraising effort to support the restoration.

Are the kids all right?

After Friday's tragedy in Newtown, Conn., parents and New Hampshire residents, have been asking, are the schools in New Hampshire safe? Mark Joyce, executive director of New Hampshire School Administrators Association, says that through his visits across the state, there were no areas that were unsecured, and at no point were they allowed access to a building unchallenged. Joyce said in a Union Leader article that schools are still among the safest places to be.

QOL Score: +1 (for the security measures at Granite State schools; the shooting itself is an unquantifiable blow to everyone's QOL)

Comment: While every school is required to have an emergency response plan, there's variation in how they're updated or practiced; there are some schools in rural New Hampshire that aren't as secure as others.

Shaheen joins Appropriations Committee

While WMUR's James Pindell pointed out last week the Senate Appropriations Committee no longer has the power it once did, it's still good news for New Hampshire residents that it will once again have a voice on the committee. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen was recently installed on the committee, which calls the shots regarding how the government spends taxpayer money. Former Sen. Judd Gregg held a post on the committee from 1995 to 2010. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for allocating annual and emergency discretionary funding for all federal programs, domestic and defense.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: "It's important to have a New Hampshire seat at the table to make sure spending decisions are made wisely and in the interests of Granite State taxpayers," Shaheen said in a statement.

QOL score: 81

Net change: +5

QOL this week: 86

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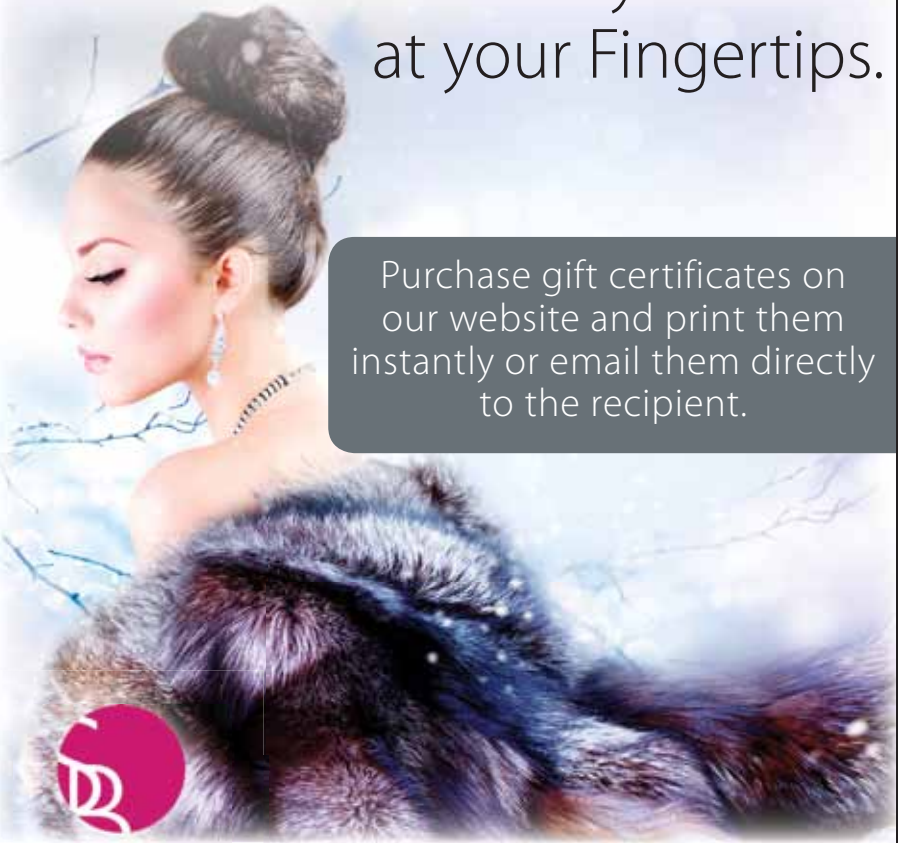
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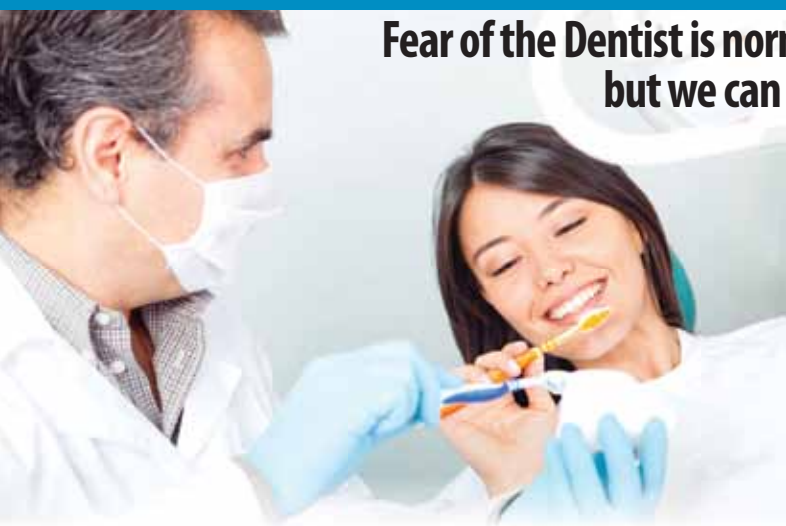
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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS



Does loss to 49ers prove Pat's defense still unreliable?

This has been an interesting, if not predictable, football season for the Patriots, especially on Sunday night, when they played a very sloppy game that turned out to be, if not one for the ages, one that certainly was amazing in its own right. It was so bad for a while, I'll bet that a fair number of folks flipped off the TV in disgust and went to bed when the 49ers went up 34-3 five minutes into the second half.

The way the 49ers were going up and down the field brought to mind the real clamor that you may recall was all over New England about how things were proceeding going into their final game before the mid-season bye. At that point they stood at just 4-3 after slipping by the staggering Jets in overtime, which actually was an improvement from a 1 and 2 start that had them under .500 for the first time since losing the 2003 opener to Buffalo.

The problem was they couldn't stop anyone through the air, not even **Mark Sanchez**, who threw for a career-high 328 yards in that Jets game. And it's not only repeatedly getting beat on deep balls in the way it cost them against, as it turns out, a pretty good rookie QB in **Russell Wilson** as they dropped to 3-3 in Seattle. It's that every time someone caught a pass, they were more wide open than **Kramer's** fly at the meeting with **Darren the Intern's** advisor at NYU.

Well, you may have noticed that the problem seemed to be fixed going into the galactic battle with the 49ers, which, if the Pats had kept the name they once briefly had — The Bay State Patriots — before owner **Billy Sullivan** apparently sobered up, could have been billed the Battle of the Bays. Because while they still gave up 337, 332 and 301 right after the bye, at least when players caught passes they had people around them. And in the next two the

yardage was 189 for **Ryan Tannehill** and 223 for **Matt Schaub**, while points against ticked down from 34 to 31 to 19 to 16 to 14 before Sunday — when it shot back to a season high allowed in the 41-34 loss.

That debacle also ended a streak of 20 December straight wins in Foxboro dating back to a 2002 loss and a second-best-in-NFL-history 13 straight overall December wins that started in 2010. So what was it — a mistake-filled game brought on by difficult playing conditions against the best defense in football? Although surrendering 24 fourth-quarter points doesn't exactly bring to mind the 2000 Ravens. Just a bad game from a team that doesn't have them very often while playing an opponent who clearly looked to be more motivated to play from the first snap? Or a slide back to October when they couldn't even stop horrible teams? That's a question that won't be answered until they play someone good, and with Jacksonville and Miami ahead, that won't happen until the playoffs.

Regarding the Niner loss, they were undone by turnovers, the most bothersome being the second fumble in two weeks by **Stevan Ridley** — First because a running back with fumbilitis can be contagious and, second because after being so effective all year, he's needed, but he'll now probably see his playing time reduced. But bigger is the defense getting pushed all over in the first half — which we really haven't seen since the seven-game winning streak started. But in that time there really was only one signature win, which came vs Houston, who the knee-jerk folks wondered if they were actually ready for prime time after getting waxed in 42-14 in Foxboro last week. So in the end this loss complicates the where-are-they-now evaluation process.

But here's what I know: Outside of the obvious with the offense, they have two more things going for them. The reason they have

those two December winning streaks is the sign of great coaching in a team improves as the year goes along, which always seems to be the case with Coach B. Second, since the acquisition of **Aqib Talib** they have unquestionably been better against the pass. And while I'm not saying he's another **Herb Adderley**, it appears they've found a big, physical cover corner to match up one on one with top receivers on the outside. It also moved **Devin McCourty** to free safety full time (and **Pat Chung** to the bench), where, after a TD-saving end-zone pick for a second straight week, he's looking more like the impact player he was as a rookie, albeit at a different position. It's also helped rookie **Alfonzo Dennard** settle in on the other side and let **Kyle Arrington** play his more natural nickel back slot. And, finally, with the coaches no longer afraid to let the corners play 1 on 1 — they've been blitzing more which helps the pass rush — at least until **Colin Kaepernick's** quick feet apparently made them leery to do it as much, and the result was, not so coincidentally, 41 points allowed. So I'm not as worried about the defense.

But the loss dropped them behind Denver for the second seed in the playoffs, and with Cleveland and KC their last two opponents, they ain't giving that up. That means the road to the Super Bowl will require a possible opening game with wounded, but still dangerous, Pittsburgh. If they survive, then a road game vs. **Peyton Manning** in Denver, and, if still alive, most likely a trip to Houston for the AFC title game.

Not exactly an easy path, and the real story of what the loss on Sunday meant most.

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Otis (my Man): Character in *Animal House*, the greatest college movie romp ever, where **Otis Day** and his band **the Knights** are first seen singing "Shout" during a toga party at Delta House. Later, after crossing paths while playing *Shama Lama Ding Dong* at the all-black Destilay Club, the all-white drunken Delts unwittingly stumble into, **Peter Reiger's** Otter shouts "Otis my man!" to the stunned, dead silent capacity crowd. Best line before that was when a **Shaq**-like behemoth says to the quivering Delta pledges, "Mind if we dance with your dates?"

Merkle's Boner: Arguably the most controversial play in baseball history. It occurred when Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh were battling for the National League pennant in 1908, and the Giants appeared to beat the Cubs on a two-out walk-off single to center. But as delirious fans engulfed the field, 19-year-old **Fred Merkle**, the youngest player in the majors and making his first MLB start, was on first base and never touched second base. Cubs second baseman **Johnny Ever** noticed and called for the ball amid the chaos on the field – which, according to some accounts, he had to go into stands to get after first base coach **Iron Man McGinity** threw it there. After getting it, he stepped on second to force out Merkle, making Chicago the winner instead. They won the pennant by a single game. They followed up it by winning the World Series in 1908 — which is their last series win — all thanks to Merkle's famous boner.

SPORTS DAVE LONG'S PEOPLE, PLACES & OTHER STUFF

Winter sports underway

The Big Story: The high school hockey season got under way with some high-score games. Memorial was a 12-1 winner over Nashua South at JFK behind two goal efforts from **Ethan Pollock**, **Bryan Syrene** and **Nick Burgess**. Trinity took out Bishop Brady 8-1 as **Mitch Myers** and **Mitch Dructor** led a parade of six Pioneers with at least one goal. For Bedford, it was a 6-3 opening-night win after firing a whopping 63 shots on goal, and **Brian Collins** was the lone two-goal scorer. And finally, perhaps the most impressive was Central's 5-2 win over defending Division I champion Pinkerton when **Mitchell Fortin** had a pair of goals.

Sports 101: With the Sox still looking for an ace to head the staff, it seems appropriate to ask if you can name which active pitchers are among the top five in wins.

Who's Hot: That's two pretty impressive wins to start the season for Bedford, who started with its first ever basketball win over Central and followed it up with a 55-46 win over always tough Londonderry. They did it behind a 14-and-10 day from a junior comet, **Haley Driscoll**, who keyed a 12-0 surge to start the second half after trailing 28-23, following a nerve-induced 15-turnover first half. The Lancers, who were led by **Alisha Simpson's** 21-point night, got to within a point with two minutes left but could not get any closer.

Finishing Kick of the Week: It goes to Central, who, after trailing 38-33 at the end of three quarters, ran off 19 straight in a 25-4

fourth quarter blitz, punctuated by going 18-21 from the line, to take a 58-43 win over Alvirne as **Dawson Dickson** and **Brett Hansen** combined for 37 points to lead the way.

Upset of the Week: It goes to Bishop Guertin's 89-74 thumping of Bedford after not getting a lot of notice in the preseason. They did it behind the scoring of **Jeff Lunn's** game-high 24 points and a combined 33 from **C. J. Boykin** and **Andrew Williams**, while Bedford's **Cameron Meservey** was with 26.

On This Date – Dec. 20: 1973 – Montreal Canadien **Henri Richard** scores his 1,000th NHL point. 1980 – In the worst TV game EVER, NBC broadcasts Jets' 24-17 win over Miami without announcers. 1983 – **Guy Lafleur** became 10th in NHL to score 500 goals. 1985 – One-of-a-kind sportscaster **Howard Cosell** retires from TV sports after 20 years with ABC. Births: 1881 — **Branch Rickey**, baseball innovator who broke the color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson as GM of the Dodgers. 1888 — **Fred Merkle**, perpetrator of the 1908 base running blunder Merkle's boner that led to the Cubs last world title.

Sports 101 Answer: The top five active winners are **Jamie Moyer** (269), **Andy Pettitte** (242), **Ray Halladay** (199), **Tim Hudson** (197) and **CC Sabathia** (191). High guys with local ties are **Derek Lowe** (seventh with 187) and **Chris Carpenter** (14th at 144).

The Numbers:

1 – career wins at Trinity for new coach **Matt Courchesne** after beating Central 34-22 Tuesday.

17 – saves by BG goalie **Nick Phair (game)** in pitching a shutout in a 1-0 win over Salem.

19 – points **Tori Florence** as Gofftown beat

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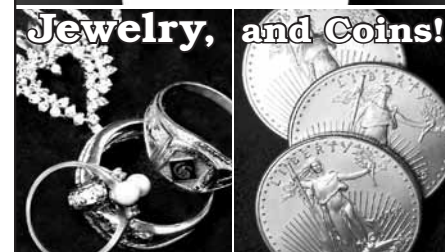
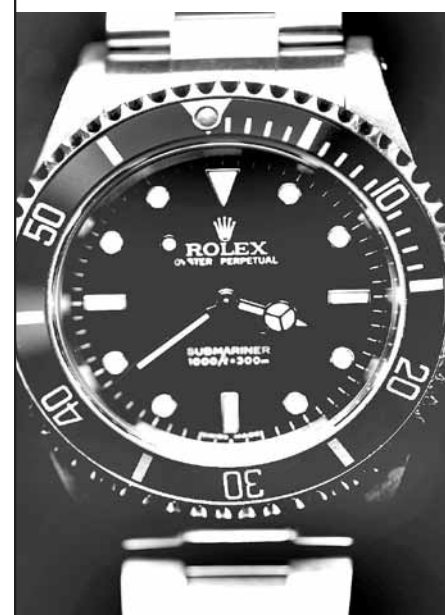
20 – career high points from Pinkerton's **Val Martin** in leading the Astros to a 62-44 win over Dover.

22 – points from **Hannah Comeau** as Derryfield was a 49-23 winner over Portsmouth Christian.

32 – points scored in the third quarter by Trinity as it rolled over Concord 87-41, when a parade of five double digit scorers was topped by **Ryan Otis** with 17.

44 – points from **Paige Parkinson** (23) and **Meghan Green** (21) as Bishop Guertin blasted Salem 91-36.

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Forearm Break Knocks Gronkowski Out of Pats Line-Up

By JJ. Truman

In mid-October, thanks to a broken ulna bone, Rob Gronkowski was lost to the Patriots following a major injury for the second time in 9 months. The ulna is one of the two bones in the forearm and the second most common that people break when they fall. It's about the size of a finger and on the outside part of the arm. The key is to stabilize the injury so it may require a cast or even surgery, as it was for Gronk. In that case a plate is inserted and screwed into the bone on either side of the fracture to make it secure and stable. The average time for healing in a healthy growing male is 6 to 8 weeks. A professional athlete would stay in playing shape while rehabbing and return to playing with a protective device, sooner than most patients.

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By Luke Steere
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Cookies are the tastiest of holiday traditions.

After any holiday meal, we know to leave room for sugary snowmen, jam-filled thumbprints and snowballs. The elegant simplicity of the cutout cookie, shaped to resemble bells, Mrs. Claus or reindeer, has stood the test of time, as have fancier treats, like fruit-filled tartlets.

This year, we went to the experts for advice on how to win the cookie swap and for tips on gluten-free and vegan cookies so that everyone can join in the fun. Everyone wants to bring the best cookie of the bunch, but those of us who don't have endless time — or money — need to consider the ratio of deliciousness to difficulty.

Below are nine Christmas cookie recipes provided to the Hippo, with each baker providing a little background about how that cookie made it to the top of the "must bake" list. Some of what follows began as mistakes; others are refined hand-me-downs passed on generation to generation. More still are the product of relentless experimentation.

For a little extra fun, our staff — some experienced bakers, some not so much — put them to the test, making them in our own kitchens and reporting back on the experience. And yeah, we taste-tested 'em all too, and voted on our favorites. Four of the cookies tied for first, with the rest garnering at least one vote.

Gone Baking's "The O.C." Oatmeal coconut chocolate chip cookie

The OC cookie is a three-classic mash-up, perfect for enjoying any time of year, says **Gone Baking** (Bedford, 305-6026, gonebaking.com) owner Jenny Cheifetz, but its origins are rooted in Christmas.

"It's a sentimental choice," she said. "They are a coconut creation that I made for my dad."

Before she opened her retro-looking baking van, which vends cupcakes, cookies and other goodies most of the time and handles catering during winter months, Cheifetz had been baking for her father. He was one to lay off sweets, but a fan of coconut, and come the winter she began making him cookies regularly. At the same time, she was learning a thing or two about oatmeal raisin cookies.

"People liked the oatmeal base, but I have friends that don't like the raisins. The texture of one is nutty and then the raisins are soft, and people also don't like how

they're healthy. Chocolate chips sounded better to me," she said.

With the squishy, dried grape perpetrators out of the picture, the nuttiness combined with the gooey chocolate chips made for a nice compliment to the refreshing coconut, her dad's favorite flavor. And the rest is history.

Cheifetz doesn't celebrate Christmas, but the tradition of baking for her father, and in her business making and decorating holiday platters chock-full of festive cookies is another excuse to eat cookies, and that isn't a bad thing.

"I am eating them year round, but the holidays are a great time for cookies, especially for sharing them," she said.

Interestingly, Cheifetz says her father is in the minority when it comes to The OC audience — most people who request them are women.

baking soda and oats, and mix on low. Then add coconut and chocolate chips and mix until combined. Using a wooden spoon or spatula, make sure to scrape bottom of bowl so batter is combined well and chocolate is evenly distributed.

Drop heaping spoonfuls on parchment-lined baking sheets. Depending on size of spoonfuls, batter should make 18-30 cookies. Leave about 2 inches between spoonfuls. Bake 14-20 minutes depending on size of cookie and strength of oven. Cookies should be lightly browned.

Cookies store well in air-tight containers for a week or frozen for a couple months.



I lucked out getting this recipe, because I actually had all of the ingredients on hand, except for vanilla (which I didn't realize until it was too late. Oops). I have a tendency to skim recipe directions and not measure ingredients precisely, and while my goal was to follow this one to the letter, the fact is that I had four super excited kids, ranging in age from 4 to 7, begging me to help. So, yeah, things got crazy up in my kitchen. I know I tossed in a few extra chocolate chips, because, well, who doesn't love extra chocolate? And also because the recipe calls for 1½ cups, and a standard bag has 2, so, with the exception of the handful that wound up in the mouths of my little kitchen elves, the whole bag went in.

The cookies came out perfectly, despite the lack of vanilla and the fact that someone (OK fine, I think it was me) used the wrong size measuring cup at one point. All four kids, two of whom swore they hated coconut, devoured them, and they were a

hit among the adult crowd too. They were easy to make, and I always like a recipe that ends in deliciousness even if you fudge a few things.

— Meghan Siegler, managing editor



Eisley, 4, helps mix the cookie dough.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/4 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/4 pound unsalted butter, room temp.
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 1/2 cup Chocolate chips

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter with an electric mixer. Add sugars and beat well. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. Add flour, salt, baking powder,

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Just Like Mom's Snowballs cookies

At **Just Like Mom's Pastries** (353 Riverdale Rd., Weare, 529-6667) cookies are but a small part of what their catering and cake construction business does, but owner Karen Car, like many bakers, has cookies close to her heart.

"Almost all my recipes are my mothers, but the snowball recipe is from my mother-in-law, who was born in Germany," she said.

Snowball cookies are a relatively simple, relatively global holiday staple, Car said. Hers call for walnuts, but depending on what part of the world they're being made, or where the bakers got the recipes from, people will use almonds or pecans or other nuts.

These and other varieties were part of the bunch of recipes her mother taught her to make, often around the holidays because of the snowball association with the weather. Since opening Just Like Mom's 25 years ago, snowballs have proved themselves a best seller, beating out thumbprints and butter cookies and finding a place on nearly every cookie tray.

"A lot of people will say the cookie is unhealthy because of the butter, but the butter makes it better, and you can make them any size really," Car said.

Ingredients:

1 pound butter
 1 cup sugar
 4 cups flour
 4 cups chopped walnuts
 1 tablespoon vanilla
 confectioners sugar

Cream butter and sugar. Mix in flour, walnuts, and vanilla. Scoop or mold into balls about the size of a quarter. Bake on parchment paper at 300 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool them completely, then roll in confectioners sugar.



Shortly after starting this recipe, or rather, in the grocery aisle, I realized I have been eating these holiday cookies for years. My Aunt Jan makes a similar recipe each year, inspired by those found at an old IGA Supermarket Bakery in Hudson, Mass.

They are remarkably easy cookies to make. My only alteration was cutting the walnut amount in half (I only bought two cups worth). The hardest part? Getting them to form a ball shape. Although many come out looking like smooth, dome-like teacakes, my first pans-worth looked more like snowbanks than snowballs.

After conferring with my aunt, I found her recipe calls for a two hour refrigeration period after making the dough. This makes for an even thicker base, which can be hand rolled into balls and cook more spherical shape.

Other than that, they tasted just fine, and the recipe is simple and very easy to shop for. Snowballs go great with coffee and last for months, although I am sure I'll need to whip up another batch for Christmas Day.

— Luke Steere, staff writer



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Just Like Mom's gluten-free Coconut Macaroons

Car has also been adding on vegan and gluten-free options to her menu, tackling the complexities of restrictions: some will eat egg whites, some can have oil or sugar, others can't eat butter.

"Usually I just try and substitute chocolate or something, but getting pie crust, for

example, to bind with all sorts of ingredients like tapioca starch takes away from the flavor. I am still not there where I can make it fast enough and taste good," she said.

Still, Car seems to have perfected her gluten-free macaroon recipe, which she said sell well around the holidays.

My wife and I had never made any type of macaroons, so we had a little trouble with the recipe instructions, but we both thought these came out great.

These cookies would be great for a coconut lover. They tasted very sweet and rich, even though there is no fat, other than the egg whites, in the ingredients. It was good to have a teammate while whipping the mixture over boiling water for 20 minutes. It helped to stand on a step stool while whipping for better leverage.

They were worth the effort, and we'll certainly be making these again.

— Jeff Mucciarone, staff writer

Ingredients:

- 6 egg whites
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 4 cups coconut

Beat egg whites stiff with sugar and starch. Cook over boiling water for 20 minutes whipping. Remove from heat and add salt and almond extract. Use tablespoon to scoop batter. Preheat oven for 300 degrees. Lightly grease pan or use parchment paper and bake at 300 for 18 to 20 minutes. Cool completely.



Jaden, 3, licks the batter.

Wild Orchid Brown Butter Thumbprint Cookies

Erin Gardner's **Wild Orchid Baking Co.** (1 Washington St. No. 1013, Dover, 964-2253) is now a custom cake studio, but two years ago, when she first opened, she was serving cookies and other baked goods retail.

"We still do cookies on occasion. They're something I've been doing even back when I was working in restaurants as a pastry chef," said Gardner, the bakery's owner and head pastry chef.

Her go-to holiday cookie, Brown Butter Thumbprints, has been very popular for her family, friends and customers during her 13 years baking, she said.

"You're actually browning the butter, melting it and then allowing it to brown to make for a nutty, smoky flavor. You let that set back up and it tastes exceptional," Gardner said. "It's one of my personal all-time favorites."

As with all thumbprints, the depressions are filled with a range of things, but to hitch up with the browned butter, Gardner said Wild Orchid used to go with milk



chocolate caramel, chocolate ganache or raspberry jam. Of course, she added, people usually fill them with whatever they want.

"When it comes to cookies, you want to give people options," she said.

Ingredients:

½ pound unsalted butter
1½ cups confectioners' sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups of all purpose flour

Melt butter in a saucepan on medium high heat. Cook butter until it smells nutty and you see little brown bits in the pan. Pour into a heat-safe container and place back into fridge until solid; be sure to scrape all browned bits into container too. Once the butter is solid, cut into

cubes and place into the bowl of a stand mixer with paddle attachment. Add confectioners' sugar and salt. Cream until smooth. Slowly add all-purpose flour until just combined. Scoop with a small ice cream scoop, or teaspoon, onto a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Use thumb to make small indents in the center of each cookie. Place sheet back into the fridge so that the cookies firm up. Once firm, bake the cookies at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes. Cookies are done when golden brown. Fill finished cookies with topping.

The key lime idea thrilled me; I love the sweet, tart idea. However, lime curd was nowhere to be found, not in any regular grocery store around Concord or Manchester, so I decided to give lemon curd a try.

Now, the big challenge seemed to be deciding if the butter was brown before it actually turned black ... I think I just made it. Then I should have poured it into a large shallow dish to refrigerate, as I underestimated how long it would take to turn solid. Once it did, I proceeded to mix it with the sugar, salt and flour. I dropped teaspoonfuls onto my sheeted baking sheets then stuck my thumb into each one.

After baking they were extremely delicate, had no more thumbprint, and I lost four that just crumbled when I tried to move them. Once they cooled, I turned them in more confectioners' sugar and dropped a dollop of lemon curd on them. They were sweet for my tastes, but they turned out to be a winner at the office's informal taste testing.

— Charlene Cesarini, sales manager

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Coconut-Cranberry Macaroons

Although they usually leave the cookie swap up to the masses who join them in the store each holiday season, the pastry chefs at the **Concord Food Co-op's** Celery Stick Cafe (24 South Main St., Concord, 225-6840) certainly hold their own. Each December, the Co-op's cookie swap draw's local residents with scores of cookies, each one swapping and exchanging recipes. Rarely do the pastry chefs participate for that event, but heck, they're doing it the rest of the year, and are no doubt instilling inspiration with their creations.

"Our bakery case is constantly changing to offer traditional and unique desserts. Everything is made from scratch with only natural ingredients," said the Co-op's Maria Noël Groves.

Just like the philosophy that drives the store, the bakery sources locally. Their cookies contain flour milled in New England, dairy from Concord and butter from a north-east farmer co-op, Groves said, and they don't use any artificial colors, flavorings, preservatives or hydrogenated oils.

Many of their recipes are brought in by the pastry chefs, then refined or redesigned for the cafe.



Ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cups sugar
- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cups dried coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together sugar, egg whites, cranberries, orange zest, vanilla, and salt. Toss the coconut with the egg mixture until completely coated. Moisten fingertips with water and place a heaping teaspoon of batter into lined pans. Shape into a pointed pyramid about 1-inch apart. Bake until the edges are golden, about 16 to 20 minutes.

I altered the recipe by adding an extra ⅓ cup of coconut, because the bags only come in sizes of 1 and ⅔ cups for some reason. Also, I used moist flakes by accident and not dried coconut, which made the batter stickier and sweeter than it probably would have been otherwise.

For the orange zest I used a teaspoon but it seemed very orange flavored, so if you're not into orange, I would change that to maybe half a teaspoon. Also, I thought it would be a fun recipe to try without cranberries and lemon zest instead.

This recipe was very easy and not time consuming at all. It was a lot of waiting around for them to be done, mostly. I would make them again, and they seemed to be a big hit. They are a very sweet cookie, so less is really more.

The cost was about \$12, but I had to buy what most people would already have, like sugar, eggs and vanilla. The main things one would have to buy are the coconut flakes and cranberries.

— Ashley McCarty, graphic designer

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Concord Food Co-op Flourless Chocolate Cherry Cookies

The Co-op, and with it The Bakery Box, are run by a large group of members who often request specialty desserts. Basics like cookies, cupcakes, muffins, scones and more can be ordered for parties or with coffee, but many of their recipes are refined. Pastry chefs or others bring in recipes to be redesigned for the cafe. Gourmet takes on cheesecakes, pies, galettes and tiramisu are in stock, as are vegan recipes and flourless, gluten-free desserts. Oftentimes, many of the hard-to-find ingredients their cookies call for can be found right in the store, which allows those with diet restrictions to be able to enjoy holiday classics like chocolate-cherry cookies.

Ingredients:

- 2¾ cups blanched almond flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- ¼ cup canola oil
- ¾ cup agave syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup dried cherries

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Combine the dry ingredients. Whisk together oil, agave, and vanilla. Fold the wet and dry ingredients together. Fold in the chocolate and cherries. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.



Being a team player is important, so when assignments were being handed out at Hippo Headquarters to make cookies to bring to the office as part of this cover story, I of course volunteered to take on a recipe. What my co-workers didn't know is that I had never baked anything before in my life. My first reaction upon receiving the recipe for the Concord Community Co-op's Flourless Chocolate Cherry Cookies: What the hell is blanched almond flour?

After deferring to a more culinarily inclined friend, she suggested I check out the A Market (125 Loring St., Manchester, 668-2650, myamarket.com), for both the blanched almond flour and dried cherries. All of the other ingredients were either already in my cabinet or found easily at Stop and Shop.

I picked up my two items at A Market, which ran me close to \$20, and went home ready to bake. With some help from my friend, the baking process was actually quite easy and really only took about 45 minutes in all. Just be prepared to get an arm workout. When the wet ingredients were added to the mix, it became extremely thick and difficult to fold.

But the final product came out great. I still have some blanched almond flour left over, so maybe I'll find my way back to the oven for another round.

— Cory Francer, staff writer

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Tomina's gluten-free Snickerdoodles with vegan option

Tina Birdsall and her husband Tom began **Tomina's** (tominascookiedough.com) less than a year ago, but with all baking ventures, especially those focused on restricted diets, there was a lot of experimentation.

The idea behind the company, Tina Birdsall said, is about making unique cookies that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter their dietary needs. Nowadays, they sell specialty flavors like warm orange spice, spicy ginger oat and lemon grassy sug-

ar, but for the six to eight months before beginning their company, they were tweaking the classics, making gluten-free and vegan chocolate chip or gingerbread cookies taste great.

"Our strategy is to make them as close to conventional as possible. Usually the only difference is that there is no butter flavor. We have friends who have baked them for holiday parties and tell us people have no idea that they're gluten free or vegan," Tina Birdsall said.

Ingredients:

1 cup rice flour
¾ gluten free oat flour
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup cornstarch
¼ pound vegan margarine, softened
¼ cup vanilla soymilk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1½ teaspoon flax meal in 1½ tsp water
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat baking sheet with cooking spray. Whisk together flours, cornstarch, and baking

powder in bowl. Beat margarine in separate bowl with electric mixer until soft. Add sugar, and beat until fluffy. Beat in soymilk, vanilla extract, and flax meal water combination 30 seconds or until smooth. Add flour mixture, and beat 30 seconds or until smooth. Combine sugar and cinnamon on large plate to make cinnamon sugar. Shape dough into 1 inch balls and roll each in cinnamon sugar, and place one and a half inches apart on prepared baking sheet. Press cookie dough lightly to flatten. Bake ten to 12 minutes, or until cookies look dry on tops and are lightly browned on bottoms. Transfer to wire rack to cool. Store in airtight container.

OK, so I have made some cookies in my 12-year life before, but never snickerdoodles. I found them easy to make, and the unusual ingredients were available at Granite State Natural Foods (164 North State St., Concord, 224-9341). They were delicious, but you have to let them cool completely because they crumble. (Or you could simply feed the crumbs directly to your mouth. They are that good.)

I am glad that I can bring the cookies in for Secret Santa, as a few of my classmates are vegan.

— Ian Macaig, son of Roxanne, advertising and sales associate

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THE HOLIDAY COOKIE

Tomina's gluten-free Ginger Molasses Cookies

Tomina's also sells a popular
gluten-free ginger molasses
cookie.

"The base of this cookie is rice flour, which gives it really nice crunch, and the flavors are traditional gingerbread flavors. The mouth feel of this cookie is rich, and has you coming back for more," Tina Birdsall said. "Everyone enjoys a good cookie, and you don't have to be gluten free to enjoy one that is gluten free. If it's full of flavor people will enjoy it."

Ginger molasses cookies have become a staple of the pair's holiday cookie giving, she added, and not just because they can be rolled and cut into holiday shapes, but because they have a vegan option.



Ingredients:

2½ cups rice flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup butter
½ cup lightly packed brown sugar
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup molasses
1 egg
½ cup sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift together all dry ingredients except sug-

ars. Cream butter, brown sugar and ¼ cup sugar together until light and fluffy. Add molasses and mix until just incorporated.

Add egg and beat until well combined. Add dry ingredients and mix until dough comes together.

Chill dough in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Pull off pieces of dough and roll into small balls approximately 1 inch in diameter. Flatten ball in palm of hand, dip tops of cookies into reserved sugar and place onto cookie sheet, spacing about 1 inch apart. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes until cookies are lightly browned around the edges. Let cookies rest on baking sheet three minutes before moving to cooling rack.

This is the first gluten-free recipe I've ever attempted. I had been wanting to try gluten-free cooking and, with this in mind, had been shopping weeks before in the "interesting flours section" of the food store. It seemed to me that Bob Mills recommended millet flour for baking, so that's what I had walked home with that day, and what I used in this recipe despite the instructions.

The recipe went off without a hitch; throwing all the ingredients into a bowl and stirring is pretty easy in my book. I have little patience, so I didn't chill the dough and went straight to baking. Ten minutes later, the little balls of dough on the cookie sheet had more than doubled their size and were at this point growing into an indiscriminate mass of molasses (the pictures are from the second batch - the first batch I had to cut into hexagons). So beware, they balloon out (although maybe the chilling would have prevented this?).

The final product was akin to a crispy gingerbread cookie, but very powdery tasting. Not powdery texture, but it seemed that the millet flour really had a distinct taste. So I would say that on the scale of one to Kevin Bacon, my version of this cookie was only a 5. I think that by following the recipe strictly, you could make a very tasty cookie that would hit up to 8 or 9. Maybe not quite a Kevin Bacon, but close.

— Beth Page, graphic designer

Black Forest Cafe Raspberry Linzer Thumbprint Cookies

When it comes to cookies, the **Black Forest Cafe** (212 New Hampshire 101, Amherst, 672-0500) needs little introduction. The NH Magazine Best cookie



Ingredients:

- 2 cups ground almonds
- 1 cups sugar
- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- 2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 pound softened unsalted butter

award has lauded the cafe 11 years running thanks to its cookie collection, which includes this linzer thumbprint.

“The linzer is a traditional Austrian dessert, usually a torte, but it’s been modified many different ways,” said co-owner Martha Walters. “We’ve done it as a whole dessert, as bars and as a cut-out cookie for different holidays.”

Her and her husband Bruce’s acquired reputation for cookie greatness comes from a philosophy that gleans creativity from ordinary comfort foods.

“Bruce is the baker in charge. He is an experiment-on-the-fly kind of guy. He’ll get an idea or see a recipe he likes and try it, maybe change it. He has a lot of confidence when it comes to that. It always comes out great, but he has years and years of experience,” Martha Walters said.

Throughout December, the Black Forest Cafe will sell thousands of cookies, she said.

“We make a lot, usually mixed assortments, and they’re not all super time consuming. The thumbprint is a fun one to make with kids. It doesn’t require a lot of baking skill, and what kid doesn’t like to stick their hand in a ball of dough?”

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks, vanilla and almond extracts. Beat until combined. Add dry ingredients and mix until combined. Form the dough by hand into 1 ¼ inch balls. Place cookie balls on a greased baking sheet. Using your thumb, press down on to each ball creating an indentation. Bake cookies for ten minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven. Do not let cool. Using end of a wooden spoon or something similar, re-press indentations while still hot. Put about 1 teaspoon raspberry jam into the indentation and return to oven for approximately 10 minutes or until lightly golden brown.

I was hesitant about these: thumbprints give cookies an extra, no-nonsense little something on top, but raspberry jam is not a favorite of mine. Peanut butter cups or Hershey’s Kisses are always the better occupant — but I’d never tried them with a linzer.

The two cups worth of ground almonds, though a stressful find in the grocery store (make it easy if you can, and just use a food processor to ground up sliced almonds), compliment the raspberry taste well. Plus, it should be noted how elegant these cookies look on a dessert table. Almond extract and cloves, perhaps, are other left-of-center ingredients, but the rest — eggs, flour, sugar, and so on — are in most kitchens already. Also, the 20 minutes total baking is split into two halves, which I feel is a bit more lively.

— **Luke Steere, staff writer**

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Thursday, Dec. 20

Share cookies and baking tips and meet new amateur bakers at the **Holiday Cookie Swap**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Concord Food Co-op (24 S. Main St., Concord). Admission is free, but be sure to bring a container with 24 cookies.



Thursday, Dec. 20

Make glass ornaments at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis) at 4 p.m. For children in grades three to six. All materials will be provided to create your own glass ornament. Registration is required. Call 465-7721 or visit www.hollislibrary.org.



Saturday, Dec. 22

Visit Santa's castle at McConnell Center (30 St. Thomas St., Dover) from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tour Santa's Castle, Rudolph's stable and meet Santa. Admission is \$6 for children, \$3 for adults and \$20 per family. Call 516-3274.



Monday, Dec. 24

Spend **Christmas Eve at the Milford Oval** (Union Square, Milford). From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., visit downtown Milford for a Christmas carol service. Refreshments will be available. Call the Light of the World Christian Church at 673-9324 or the Burns Hill Christian Fellowship at 673-7301.

Free:

The Bedford Historical Society (24 N. Amherst Road) is holding a **holiday open house** Friday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Visit the museum to learn about the Stevens-Buswell Community Center and sample coffee from CQ Roasters. Admission is free; visitors are asked to bring nonperishable food for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Call 471-6336 or bedfordhistoricalnh.org.

Cheap:


On Friday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., celebrate the 30th annual performance of **The Nutcracker** at the Concord Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord), directed by Lisa Drouin Goff. Tickets are \$15 at the UPS Store, 75 S. Main St., Concord, and at the door; call 485-8710.

Splurge:

WineNot (170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569) is hosting a **Sparkling Wine Tasting** Thursday, Dec. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$50, with nine varieties tasted in flights. Fine cheeses and bonbon specially prepared by Dancing Lion Chocolate will be served. Reserve at winenotboutique.com or by phone.

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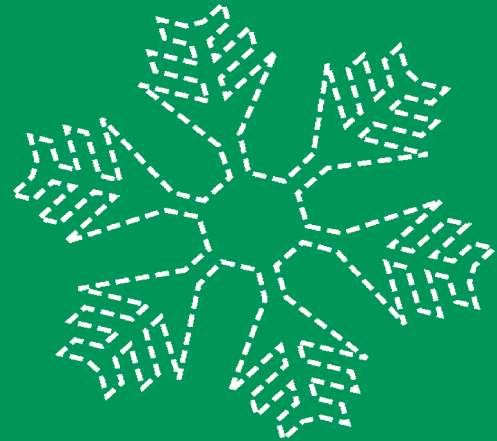
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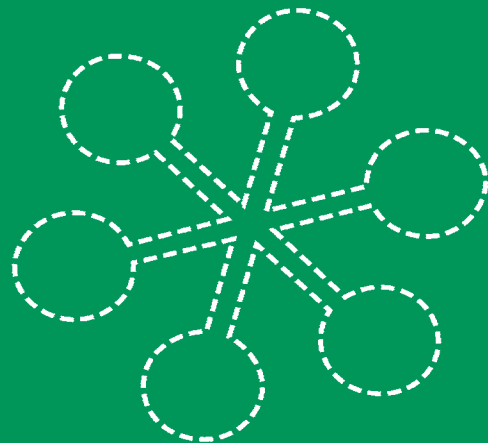
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Artistic focus

SNHU growing and developing its arts programs

By Kelly Sennott
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The arts are central to the mission of Southern New Hampshire University: Try the new and dare to be different. That's why the university's most rapid growth over the past few years has been in the arts, said Karen Erickson, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

The changes you see throughout the university — the increase in visual art, the new creative art series, the author, musician and artist visits — are deliberate steps to increase the breadth and depth of what SNHU is offering, Erickson said.

The future may have even more in store for SNHU arts; the school recently purchased the CB Sullivan Manchester office and warehouse complex at 15 West Alice Ave., which is nearly 80,000 square feet, previously developed for retail, warehouse and office use.

What exactly this space will be used for is still up in the air; SNHU President Paul LeBlanc says that the next few months will be spent studying the potential use for the building and enlisting professionals to look at what can be done.

He hopes that this space might be used as a creative arts center.

"In my fondest dreams, it would include a performance space, perhaps a black box theater, rehearsal spaces for both music and drama, visual art studios and a gallery," he wrote in an email. "The vision is to create a critical mass of arts activities to support that blossoming of those arts on campus, and to support the local arts community."

Erickson echoed LeBlanc's comments.

"It's all about access and the public domain. We want what we do at the university to be in the public domain, and we want it to be accessible so that we can enrich and enliven our surroundings. That's an important function," Erickson said.

One example of the school's serving the public domain is a new creative art series. The university is host to 50 theatrical, musical, lyrical and art-related events throughout the season, from Gothic poetry student readings to a regular film series — all free and open to the public.

The kinds of events offered through this series (available for viewing at snhu.edu in the events calendar) demonstrate some of the areas in which there's been

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growth. Clustered throughout the year, for instance, are visiting author events. These author visits are extremely valuable for creative writing undergraduates and graduate students in the SNHU MFA program, said Benjamin Mugent, director of creative writing at SNHU.

"Our undergraduate program went from 10 students to about 50 to 60 students over the past 10 years. We didn't used to be known for creative writing, but it's become a pretty popular major," Mugent said.

The theater program is also seeing some changes; while there are no theater facilities on campus just yet, they're utilizing what they have to expand theater opportunities in the school, collaborating with New Thalian Players for the spring's *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, Erickson said.

Faculty hirings, like Steven Bogart, who directed a very successful run of *Cabaret* at the American Repertory Theater, and



Part of SNHU's mission is to serve the public domain. Examples of this service are demonstrated in the SNHU community orchestra and the outdoor sculpture exhibit, which all community members can join or view.

Vanessa Rocco, co-editor of *The New Women International: Representations in Photography and Film from the 1870s through the 1960s*, only help move these art programs forward, Erickson said.

New art exhibitions have also popped up around the school, and not just in the McIninch Art Gallery, which opened 10 years ago when the school transformed from New Hampshire College into Southern New Hampshire University. Public art is very important to what they do, Erickson said, so additions include art galleries in the new student center, in the SNHU library and scattered

throughout campus in the outdoor sculpture gallery. While there is no studio art major at SNHU, visual art majors, like graphic design, have expanded into new majors, like game art.

Part of these transformations have to do with the transition from a "liberal arts" school to the "school of arts and sciences" two years ago.

"By becoming the school of arts and sciences, we're placing emphasis across the board, in natural sciences, mathematics, humanities and fine arts," Erickson said.

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• **Japanese calligrapher:** Visual art is in words, too. Japanese calligrapher Ryuho Hamano will demonstrate his work on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, in an art that takes years and years to develop. Hamano, who has exhibited in Japan, Spain, Italy, Germany and the United States, has been studying the art since 1978, under “sensei” (master teacher) Gaki Fukose, who presented Hamano with the honorary name “Ryuho,” meaning “dragon,” many years ago. This is a free demonstration; visit nashualibrary.org/directions.htm. Hamano will also be demonstrating his skills at the Manchester City Library’s West Branch, 76 N. Main St., Manchester, on Friday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pictured, Ryuho Hamano with children.



• **Winter classes:** January is just around the corner, which means that new art class sessions start up soon. Chances are, you’ll find something worthwhile. The Currier Art Center (150 Ash St., Manchester) offers a wealth of variety, including classes for younger kids like “Art and Children’s Literature” (Saturdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.) and “Mice to Monsters: Cartooning for Kids.” There are wire sculpture classes, tapestry open studios, a class called “Art of the Samurai in Mixed Media,” and adult jewelry, painting, drawing and cartoon classes. Just-opened Studio 550 (550 Elm St., Manchester) also start Jan. 7, with both visual and movement classes, including those in clay, wheel throwing, stained glass, poi/

fire dance and belly dance. Visit 550arts.com. Beck’s Arts Express (491 Amherst St., Nashua), Kimball Jenkins School of Art (266 N. Main St., Concord, kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932) and Sharon Arts Center (457 NH Route 123, Sharon, 924-7256) also also start a new series of classes this January.

• **Professional Artist exhibition:** The New Hampshire Institute of Art is holding its Professional Artist Exhibition now through Jan. 16. Come visit to see what Manchester art students have been up to. The show is an exhibition of student work selected from the professional artist class, and showcases select students in each discipline whose work achieves a high level of dedication. Also on display at NHIA is the Architects Excellence in Architecture Awards Exhibit of submissions at the French Building Gallery (148 Concord St., Manchester). Submissions will be on exhibit through Jan. 10, until which time viewers can vote for their favorite residential and commercial projects. 🌱

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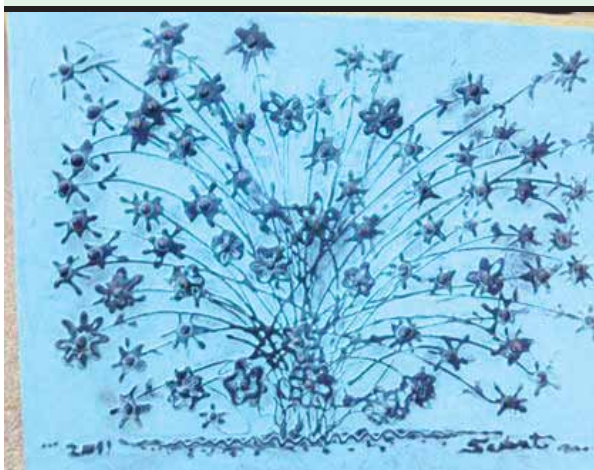
• **WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION/WOODEN NESTED DOLL PAINTING** workshop on Sat., Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., open to adults, teens and families with children ages 6 and older, at the New England Language Center, 16 Hillside Drive, Rochester, 332-2255.

• **HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD** at the NH League of NH Craftmen’s exhibit at 49 Main St., Concord. Handmade ornaments, jewelry, a nativity set, mugs, vases, prints, tablecloths, folk art and more. Call 224-3375 or visit www.nhcrafts.org.

• **ARTFUL GIVING 2012** at Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, themillbrookgallery.com, 226-2046). Open until Dec. 24, Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday NH-made gifts start at \$15.

• **JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHER** Ryuho Hamano demonstrates his art on Sun., Dec. 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610). Visit nashualibrary.org/directions.htm.

GARY SCIONTI



Gary Scionti is the artist of the month at the Wine Studio (53 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 622-9463) during December. He’s no stranger to the Wine Studio, having first showed his work there in February 2011. He uses an unusual technique to create his work: He paints epoxy on wood, slate and canvas, using many layers to create a textured, 3-D effect. He then paints the entire piece black and adds a verdigris wash that looks like tarnished copper patina. Visit thewinestudionh.com or the studio itself to catch his work before the end of the month.

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Use your Muse

Paintbar offers a twist on your typical night out

By Kelly Sennott
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Muse Paintbar provides the tools to feed your muse: paint, canvas, brush and, equally important, wine, beer and bites.

But I found the straightforward artistic instructions, led by lead instructor Vanessa Leigh, to be most valuable in painting my way through a Thursday evening Muse session. Leigh guarantees that you'll leave each session with a painting you're proud of, regardless of your past painting experience. It was a feat that some of us doubted possible, but the room full of sad pandas at the end of the night proved her right.

Muse Paintbar, which opened last week, is not necessarily for professional painters, although they too may enjoy the social aspect of this laid-back place where you're encouraged to eat, paint and be merry. But co-founders Stan Finch and Ray Weaver opened this paintbar mainly to offer regular, not-necessarily-artistic people an alternative night out.

That's why Weaver and Finch, along with Leigh and artists Amanda Heisler and Adam Karolian, have been hard at work to make Muse not only a place to paint, but a place where you'd want to hang out.

They started by creating the "muse" atmosphere: They stripped drywall to expose 20th-century brick walls. They nabbed nearby recycled barn wood to create the high and low tables and created paint-brush and paint can coat racks. If you call

ahead to reserve a spot (or a party), they'll even make it so that your canvas and seating arrangements are set before you arrive.

I found the atmosphere relaxed, the directions straightforward. There were only a few instances when I was slightly worried about how my "sad panda" would turn out during my paint session; Leigh provides reference markers and simple shapes that you can use to put together your painting. If you do have any bigheaded panda problems, like I did mid-session, she Heisler or Karolian make a point to stop and offer guidance.

As Leigh mentioned many times throughout the evening, acrylic paint means that you can easily fix your miniscule (or not so miniscule) mistake in a matter of minutes. Just nab one of the three hair dryers to speed up the process. I used it twice to taper down my big-headed panda and to smooth the lines between my clumsy brush strokes.

For those who might still be intimidated at the prospect of painting: A glass of wine (or beer, if you're so inclined), settles that problem. Refreshments are not included with the overall price, but a glass of red (merlot, Malbec, Shiraz, pinot noir, zinfandel, rose) or white (chardonnay, pinot gris, sauvignon blanc, Moscato, riesling) wine is available and can make the experience more enjoyable. On the food menu, they offer chicken and veggie spring rolls, cheeseburger sliders, beef empanadas, veggie and cheese cornucopias, and mini quiches.

Muse Paintbar

42 Hanover St., Manchester, musepaintbar.com, 421-6500

Most sessions cost about \$35, which includes paint, canvas and lesson. Food and drink is extra. Muse also offers private parties and kids' parties.

Finch, a Texas native, got the idea to open a paint bar from some similar concepts down south. (There are actually eight "paint bar" locations in Dallas alone, he said.) He claims zero artistic talent, and so he was always in awe at how he was able to leave these social painting bars with something that he could hang on a wall.

"It's amazing how well these paintings tend to turn out, even for those who have no prior art or painting experience," Finch said. "Time and time again, I've heard comments like, 'I can't believe I actually painted this.'"

Finch had little background in art, but his notion of opening something similar in the Northeast became tangible when he met Leigh, an established actress and painter who studied at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and Weaver, who had been his marketing professor in business school. There are a few locations on the seacoast and in Massachusetts that offer something similar, so they settled in Manchester, when they found the perfect location on Hanover Street.

"We really liked the location of Manchester's downtown area. There's lots of



Agnes Burt paints a sad panda at Muse Paintbar. Kelly Sennott photo.

energy, and it's close to the New Hampshire Institute of Art," Finch said.

If the panda's not your thing, check online before you sign up for a class so you can paint something you like. Try a prancing reindeer on Saturday, Dec. 22, or a lighthouse at sunset on Friday, Dec. 21, for example.

Still lifes, landscapes, forests and frogs each painting that you'll recreate was commissioned work, created by Vanessa herself, or created by one of the greats; attendees, for instance, will paint their own renditions of "Starry Night" on Friday, Jan. 4. 🍷

• **IMAGO DEI ARTIST CIRCLE** on Sat., Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Imago Dei Cafe, 123 Hanover St., Manchester. Conversational and creative place for musicians, visual artists, songwriters, poets, etc., to share art with one another. Every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

• **ART 'ROUND TOWN** is held the first Friday of the month (year round) from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Portsmouth. Visit arroundtown.org.

• **FIRST THURSDAYS** The Currier Museum of Art is open late from 5:30-7:30 p.m., first Thursday of each month with special programs including live music, lectures and film, at 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, ext. 108, currier.org.

• **GOOD NEIGHBOR SERIES** Sharon Arts Center is hosting a series of cultural programs at its Exhibition Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough, 924-7676, sharonarts.org. Series will feature presentations by professional artists on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 7-9:30 p.m.

• **PICKER ART GALLERY** will host an open studio/meet the artists day on the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Extension, Nashua, 305-6256.

• **THE PISCATAQUA DECORATIVE ARTS SOCIETY** presents its 10th season of lectures and events. Visit pdasociety.org.

• **ZIMMERMAN HOUSE** open for public tours, leaving from the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org). Offered twice daily. Reservations required. Cost is \$8-\$20, includes same-day museum admission.

Exhibit openings

• **GRETCHEN ANDRUS** will show "Aesthetic Darwinism: The Art Show" on Sun., Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m., at 55 S. Commercial St., Suite 314.

• **MELODY ZAHN AND MICHELLE ANNA RUSSELL** will exhibit their work in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library (25 Main St., Hancock, 525-4411), from Sat., Dec. 29,

through Feb. 7. Opening reception on Sat., Jan. 25, 3-5 p.m.

• **PULP FICTION: THE ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL ART** exhibit at Southern NH University McNinch Art Gallery (2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 629-4622, snhu.edu/art) Jan. 21 through Feb. 22. Opening reception Thurs., Jan. 24, 5-7 p.m. Free. From the Robert Lesser Collection of Pulp Art.

• **SACRED LANDSCAPES OF PERU: THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARL AUSTIN HYATT** at the Carter Gallery at UNH Museum of Art (Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham, 862-3712, museum.of.art@unh.edu), Jan. 26-March 28. Opening reception Fri., Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m.

• **11th ANNUAL MINUMENTAL ART EXHIBITION** Jan. 25 through Feb. 14, at Amherst Street Gallery, 77 Amherst St., Manchester. Opening reception on and sale on Wed., Jan. 30, noon to 1 p.m.

• **CALIFORNIA IMPRESSIONISM, PAINTINGS FROM THE IRVINE MUSEUM** at the Scudder Gallery at the UNH Museum

of Art (Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham, 862-3712, museum.of.art@unh.edu), Jan. 26-March 28. Opening reception Fri., Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m.

• **CHILDHOOD OBSERVED** exhibit at Southern New Hampshire University McNinch Art Gallery (2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 629-4622, snhu.edu/art) Feb. 28 through April 6. Opening reception Thurs., Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m.

• **LETHAL BEAUTY: SAMURAI WEAPONS AND ARMOR** exhibition on view at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, Feb. 2 through May 5. Call 669-6144 or visit currier.org.

• **SNHU GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENT EXHIBIT** at Southern New Hampshire University McNinch Art Gallery (2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 629-4622, snhu.edu/art) April 11 through May 4. Opening reception Thurs., April 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free.

In the galleries

• **AIANH 2012** chapter of the American Institute of Architects Excellence in Architecture Awards

submissions exhibit on display Dec. 12 through Jan. 10 at French Building Gallery at NH Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester.

• **ALHAN IRWIN** shows her biology- and Middle Eastern-inspired art at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610) through December during regular library hours.

• **ALL PI-ED UP: EXPERIMENTS IN LETTERPRESS BROADSIDES** exhibit at Sharon Arts Center, 30 Grove St., Sharon, on display Dec. 7 through Jan. 21. Call 924-7676, visit sharonarts.org.

• **BOB JANULES** is the artist of the month at the Nashua Area Artists Association for December, and his work will be displayed in the mayor's office until Dec. 31.

• **BIG GIFTS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES** on display at the The Gallery (225 Water St., Exeter, 778-8856, gallery@seacoartist.org) through December.

• **"DISCOVERING BEAUTY"** exhibit by 12 recent NH Institute of Art graduates at the Children's Museum of NH's Gallery 6 exhibition space, 6 Washington St.,

Dover, 742-2002, childrens-museum.org. Open through December.

• **DUTCH AND FLEMISH MASTERWORKS** from the Rose-Marie and Eijk van Otterloo Collection on now through February at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org.

• **ERIC SANFORD – PHOTOGRAPHER** exhibit at the Discover Gallery in the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., Manchester) is on view through Dec. Hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **HOLIDAY SMALL WORKS SHOW** through Feb. 4 at Lucy's Art Emporium, 303 Central Ave., Dover, with 12 local artists displaying small scale artwork. Visit lucysartemporium.com.

• **"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"** exhibition at Frisella Fine Art Studio (26 Old Manchester Road, Candia, frisellafineart.com). On view through Dec. 29.

• **"FALL INTO WINTER"** exhibit at The Gallery, 100 Market St., Floors 1 and 2, Portsmouth, on display through Jan. 18. Call 436-2818.

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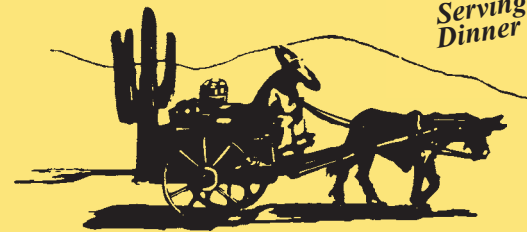
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• **FERNANDO DIAZ** shows “Oblivion” at McLaughlin-Hills Gallery (110 State St., Portsmouth, 319-8306) through Jan. 27. Visit mclaughlin-hillsgallery.com.

• **GARY SCIONTI** is the December artist of the month at The Wine Studio (53 Hooksett Road, Manchester, thewinestudionh.com, 622-9463). His work is on display through Dec.

• **“HOME”** exhibition of work by Rachel Blumberg at the 56 N. Main St. Gallery, Rochester, through Dec. 30. Visit artstreamstudios.com or call 330-0333.

• **“IT’S ALL ABOUT CLAY”** exhibit at Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, themillbrookgallery.com) through Dec. 24. Call 226-2046.

• **JENNY PAGE** showcases her artwork and figurative drawings at Gateway Gallery at Great Bay Community College (320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth) through Jan. 18.

• **KEYES ART GROUP HOLIDAY SHOW** at the Frame Depot and Gallery, 227 Union Sq., Milford, 6-8 p.m. Work on display until Dec. 24. Paintings, mixed media, sketches, prints, greeting cards and more.

• **KIM BERNARD** shows “In Motion” at Discover Portsmouth, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth, through Dec. 31. Call 436-8433.

• **LIZZ VAN SAUN** shows Community Mosaic Projects at Dos Amigos (26 N. Main St., Concord) through December.

• **“NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE AMERICAN STUDIO CRAFT MOVEMENT”** exhibit open through Dec. 30 at Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org.

• **NOAH FOURNIER** photography exhibit “The Roxbury Project” in the Daniels Room at Hancock Town Library (25 Main St., Hancock, 525-4411) through Dec. 27.

• **“NOT FAR FROM THE SOURCE”** by artists David Fulam and Lane Williamson at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Portsmouth, 431-4230) on display from Dec. 7 through Dec. 28. Call 431-4230 or visit nhartassociation.org.

• **PETERBOROUGH ARTIST COLONY EXHIBIT** opens at the Sharon Arts Center Gallery, 30 Grove St. Peterborough through Jan. 7. Call 924-7676, visit sharonarts.org.

• **“PET PORTRAITS”** by Gertie McGlinchey at Gilmanton Year-Round Library (NH Route 140, opposite Gilmanton School) will be up for viewing through Dec.

A DARWINISM APPROACH



Bow native Gretchen Andrus will be traveling back to her home state from San Francisco this Christmas, bringing along with her an application that aims to change the experience of art by transforming “passive audience members into co-creators and curators.” Andrus recently left a job at Google to pursue an integration between fine art and technology. The result is Aesthetic Darwinism, a Facebook application that asks users to select their preferred painting between the original artworks by Andrus. Visitors to the show will see this Darwinism approach to art at her exhibition, “Aesthetic Darwinism: The Art Show” which arrives in Manchester on Sunday, Dec. 23, between 2 and 4 p.m., at 55 S. Commercial St., Suite 314. This is a free event.

Call 364-2400 or email gyrla@metrocast.net.

• **“POINTS OF VIEW”** exhibit opens at Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650), through Jan. 25.

• **PRINTMAKING IN THE AGE OF REMBRANDT** exhibit at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) until Jan. 6.

• **PROFESSIONAL ARTIST EXHIBITION** at Amherst St. Gallery (77 Amherst St., Manchester, nhia.edu) exhibition of student work selected from the professional artist class. on display through Jan. 16.

• **STACEY LUCAS** or “Veggie Art Girl” shows “Trash to Treasure” at The Studio, 50 Canal St., Laconia, through the holiday season. Call 455-9009 or visit thestudionh.com or veggieartgirl.com.

• **TERRI ELLEN** shows “The Magic of Reflected Light” at Seacoast Artist Association gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter, during December and January.

• **THE ROAD NOT TAKEN** fine art exhibit on display at Southern New Hampshire University’s Pantano Gallery (2500 N. River Road, Manchester) through Dec. 28. Call 644-3120, visit snhu.edu.

• **TOYS EXHIBIT** at Gallery 6

at the Children’s Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, childrens-museum.org) Dec. 1 through March 1, featuring lively and colorful oil paintings by artist Anne Scheer. No admission fee required to view gallery only.

• **ART IN THE MILL** rotating exhibit of artwork in the UNH Manchester library (400 Commercial St., Manchester, 641-4101, manchester.unh.edu/campuslife/public-programs/art-mill) presents photographs from Greece and Turkey by NH Institute of Art graduate Elizabeth Ellenwood. Free.

• **NEW RETROSPECTIVE WORKS** by Roger Croteau at Hatfield Gallery, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 627-7560. Open Tues., Thurs. and Fri., 9:30 a.m.

• **DORINE GROSS** shows her work at Great Bay Community College Great Bay Community College (320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, 427-7600) Jan. 22 through March 22. Visit greatbay.edu or call 427-7713.

• **THE WINTER GALLERY** exhibit at The Gallery (225 Water St., Exeter, 778-8856, gallery@seacoastartist.org) features work by the Seacoast Artist Association displaying wintery works of art.

THEATER CURTAIN CALLS



• **Interested in a fellowship?** Performing Arts fellowships for dance, music and theater are available through nh.gov/nharts. These Individual Artist \$4,000 fellowships recognize New Hampshire artists for artistic excellence and professional commitment. Since 1981, they’ve been awarded to artists representing a wide range of art forms. Up to four non-cash Honorable Mention Awards will also be announced. How to apply? Visit nh.gov/nharts and complete the application, submit work samples and a resume detailing professional accomplishments. Deadline for application is Feb. 15.

• **Looking for one last holiday present for the theater-lover in your life?** You can get a season’s ticket at the Leddy Center (38c Ladd’s Lane, Epping, 679-2781) for \$77, which includes four shows and one concert. Shows for the 2013 season include *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, March 15 through March 24; *Damn Yan-*

On display through the first week of January.

• **WINCHESTER ART** by Harriet Winchester, Liz Winchester-Larson and Stephen Winchester showcase their work at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) from December through mid-January.

Open call

• **ARTIST STUDIO SPACES** are available at 3S Artspace’s downtown Portsmouth location, 319 Vaughan St. Studio prices range from \$90 to \$350. If interested, visit 3sarts.org to apply.

• **CALL FOR ART** for monthly displays in the rotunda of Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library. Contact library director Carol Roberts at carolrose56@hotmail.com or 654-2581.

• **CALL FOR ART** Exhibit for eight-week shows at Art on the Wall at City Hall Gallery, 1 City Hall Plaza, Manchester, for \$300 for solo show; \$50 for shared show. To apply, call 207-272-6911.

Classes/workshops/demonstrations

• **ARTBAR** New monthly casual painting sessions based on a theme on the second Saturday of the month, 7-9 p.m. at Sharon Arts Center, Depot Square, and 30 Grove St., Peterborough, 924-2787, sharonarts.org/artbar-night-premieres.html. Limited to 12 participants; preregistration required. Cost is \$25.

• **CAROL WHALEN ART STUDIO** Ongoing youth and adult classes in drawing, painting and mixed media at Hampton Falls Common, 97 Lafayette Road, Hampton Falls, 601-6900, carolwhalenartstudio.com.

• **CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS** at Sharon Arts Center, 457 Route 123, Sharon, 924-7256, sharonarts.org.

• **CLASSES** for adult, teens and children at White Birch Fine Art (106 Chase Road, Londonderry, 801-0703, whitebirchfineart.com).

• **CITY ARTS NASHUA** city-artsnashua.org, a central place to buy tickets to the Nashua Symphony and Chamber Orchestra concerts, coffeehouse performances, theater productions, art fundraising events and more. Includes info on non-ticketed events including gallery openings, art exhibits, classes, films, poetry readings and lectures, 589-3070.

• **CURRIER CLASSES** include Creative Painting for Young Artists, Collage for Kids, Still Life Painting in Oil and more. Call 669-6144, visit currier.org.

• **GOFFSTOWN AREA ARTISTS BREAKFAST** Mondays, 8:30 a.m., at Sawyer’s Main Street Breakfast, 13 Main St., Goffstown, info@goffstownmainstreet.org.

• **IKEBANA** Learn the art of Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) at Ikebana Flower, 95 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 595-8877. Two-hour classes are held weekly Wed., Thurs. and Fri.

• **kees: An All-American Broadway Musical**, July 12 through July 28; *Mary Gatchell* in concert on Oct 12; *Anne of Green Gables*, Oct. 25 through Nov. 10; and *A Christmas Carol*, Dec. 6 through Dec. 15. Visit leddy-center.org.

• **Theatre camps, workshops:** New Hampshire Theatre Project intensive workshops are open for registration, which are open to all ages. Workshops begin Jan. 16. Call 431-6644 or email info@nhtheatreproject.org or visit nhtheatreproject.org for information. But if you can’t wait until January, Hillcat Theater and the Duncan-Jenkins Trust is hosting a theater camp during winter vacation, for young actors ages 6 to 21, at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 16 Henniker St., Hillsboro. The camp runs Dec. 26 through Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the end of the week, campers will perform *Shiner Watson*, written by Tom Dunn with music by Will Ogmundson. Tuition is \$50 per student.

• **25 years on the Seacoast:** The Seacoast Repertory turns 25 this year and celebrates with a kickin’ season, with *A Chorus Line* March 1 through March 24; *Rounding Third* April 5 through April 28; and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet St.*, June 7 through June 13, according to Seacoast Media. 🍷

• **KAST HILL STUDIO** holds ongoing workshops and events, 195 Kast Hill Road, Hopkinton.

• **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Visual and performing artists are invited to attend the Hollis Arts Society monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Lawrence Barn, 29 Depot Road, Hollis, 882-1503.

• **OIL PAINTING CLASS** Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$140 for 8 weeks, at East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 669-6994, eastcolony.com.

• **OPEN STUDIO NIGHTS** third Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. at Verdigris Artisans, 88 N. Main St., Suite 205, Concord, verdigrisartisans.com.

• **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS** with Dan Splaine at Test of Time Photography studio in the Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Ext., Nashua, 579-0777, testoftimephoto.com.

• **PORCELAIN DOLLMAKING** Wednesday morning and evening classes at Mystical Merriment Doll Studio, 228 Piscataqua Road, Durham, 740-4567, mysticalmerriment@yahoo.com.

• **POTTERY CLASSES** at Out on a Limb Pottery Studio, 99 Factory St. Extension, Nashua, 978-597-5464, mpash123@comcast.net. All skill levels. Wheel throwing and handbuilding. Days, evenings and weekends available.

• **POTTERY CLASSES** Learn to make pottery on the potters’ wheel

GET SCROOGED



You can still see Tiny Tim, Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future at the Palace Theatre's (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588) *A Christmas Carol*, which finishes its run this weekend. Showtimes are Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Photo courtesy Palace Theatre.

or learn hand-building techniques at Warm Stone Studio (99 Factory St., Nashua, 595-9500, warmstonestudio.com).

• **SATURDAY SERIES** at Kimball-Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com.

• **SMALL GROUP AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES** will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4 and 5:15 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:45 and 11 a.m. at Becks Arts Express Studio, 5 Pine St. Extension, Nashua, 889-1670, admin@artsexpressnh.com.

• **WILD SALAMANDER** (30 Ash St., Hollis) offers classes in painting, photography, jewelry, pen and ink, digital arts, kids art and music classes. Visit wildsalamander.com or call 465-WILD.

• **ZENTANGLE WORKSHOP** with Diane Ryan. Classes at E.W. Poore Art Studio, 775 Canal St., Manchester, 622-3802.

• **ZENTANGLE CLASSES** will be held Tuesday afternoons or evenings for all ages and skill levels at E.W. Poore Art Studio, 775 Canal St., Manchester, 622-3802.

Children's art classes/events

• **CURRIER MUSEUM NOON YEAR'S EVE** event lets kids celebrate the clock striking 12 at an event at the Currier Museum (150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org, 669-6144, ex. 108) on Mon., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hats, snowflake scavenger hunt, prizes, s'mores, hot cocoa, popcorn and kids lunch specials.

• **ART CLASSES FOR TEENS** at Kimball-Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com. Courses in surrealism and manga/anime.

• **BECK'S ART EXPRESS** (5

Pine St. Ext., Mill Annex No. 6, Nashua, 781-910-3438, artsexpressnh.com) Art classes for kids for \$12.50 per child per hour for small group lessons and \$25 per hour for private lessons. Arts Express is owned and operated by Rebecca Fredrickson, a professional artist and certified teacher in Nashua, but will come to your location up to 75 miles away, 889-1670, artsexpressnh.com.

• **CAMP DA VINCI** at Southern NH Montessori Academy, 1E Commons Drive, Unit 28, Londonderry, 818-8613, snhma.org.

• **FAMILY STUDIO** at Currier Museum (currier.org) every Wednesday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children can drop by one of the museum's studios to participate in an art-related activity and brief gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day." Every month will feature a theme. No reservations required. Free with museum admission.

• **HOME SCHOOL ART CLASS** for ages 5-10 on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. at Beck's Arts Express Studio, 5 Pine St. Extension, Nashua, 889-1670, admin@artsexpressnh.com. Class costs \$12.50.

• **KIDS' ART** at Kelley Library, 234 Main St., Salem, 898-7064, third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. This 90-minute program introduces kids in grades 2-5 to the work of artists and allows them to create their own work, too. Registration is requested; the class is limited to 15. To sign up, stop by the children's room.

• **KIDS ART CLASSES** will be held Saturday mornings for 6- and 7-year-olds, Saturday or Thursday afternoons for 8- to 12-year-olds and Wednesday afternoons for 12- to 16-year-olds at E.W. Poore Art Studio, 775 Canal St., Manchester, 622-3802.

• **LITTLE PICASSOS** White Wing School, 58 Lowell St., Nashua, 889-1670, Wednesdays, 9:15-10 a.m. Registration required. For ages 2-3. Explore watercolors, clay, oil pastels and collage materials. Each class begins with a song and ends with circle storytime. Classes are taught by Rebecca Fredrickson. To register, email admin@artsexpressnh.com.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE OF ART** (148 Concord St., Manchester, 866-241-4918, nhia.edu) offers classes for high school students for college credit. Prices vary depending on type of class and materials needed.

• **PRESCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS** at Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-3475, tinyurl.com/nplkid, is offered Thursdays at 1 p.m.

• **TALK PAPER SCISSORS** (Willow Tree Plaza, 575 S. Willow St., Manchester, 669-8009, talkpaperscissors.com) offers classes for groups of three or more people to fit your schedule for all levels and ages. Classes include journaling, bookbinding, collage and scrapbooking. Children's birthday parties are available.

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• **Adams Memorial Opera House**
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Wilton, 654-2613, andysummerplayhouse.org

• **Anselmian Abbey Players**
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Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford, 557-1805, bedfordoffbroadway.com

• **Bedford Town Hall**
70 Bedford Center Rd., Bedford

• **Bedford Youth Performing Company**
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14 Court St., Nashua, 886-7000,
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• **Pittsfield Players**
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DUNGEONS & DORKS



The Players' Ring have made *Dorks in Dungeons Playing Dungeons and Dragons Live* a regular event. The show on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m., at the Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-8123, playersring.org, is rife with battles, challenges, skill checks, and a rotating troupe of comedian improvisors to act it out. Tickets are \$12. Visit playersring.org. Pictured, Cullen DeLangie as a *Dorks in Dungeons* player.

p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m., at Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-8123. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 for students, seniors.

• **HALF 'N HALF 'N HALF** comedy from Merrimack Repertory Theatre, at Nancy Donahue Theatre (50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., 978-654-4678, mrt.org) through Dec. 23. Shows are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Visit mrt.org for showtimes. Tickets start at \$20.

• **LAS POSADAS** by Alchemists' Workshop (alchemistsworkshop.org) on Sat., Dec. 22, noon to 2 p.m., at Red River Theatres in Concord (11 S. Main St.).

• **WINNIE THE POOH: A CHRISTMAS TAIL** on Sat., Dec. 22, at 11:30 a.m.; and Sun., Dec. 23, at 11:30 a.m., at Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, 433-4472. Tickets are \$6-\$10.

• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588) Dec. 23. Call for showtimes. Tickets are \$15-\$45, palacetheatre.org

• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at the Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester) on Thurs, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 21, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. Reserve tickets at rochesteropera-house.org or call 355-1992. Tickets \$14-\$16.

• **AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS** by Just Love to Sing on Fri., Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St., Franklin. Tickets are \$15; call 934-1901 or visit justlovetosing.com.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** on Fri., Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., celebrating the

30th annual performance of *The Nutcracker*, at the Concord Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) directed by Lisa Drouin Goff. Tickets are \$15 at the UPS Store, 75 S. Main St., Concord, and at the door; Call 485-8710.

• **AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS** on Sat., Dec. 22, at 7 p.m., with Christopher Martinez singing the role of Amahl and Jane Cormier as Mother in this Giancarlo Menotti operatic story. This is a free event; call 781-5695 or visit justlovetosing.com.

• **WEST COAST FUN** at Pontine's West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth, on Wed., Dec. 26, at 2 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 28, at 2 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 29, at 2 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15. Visit pontine.org.

• **MYSTERIOUS SUBTEXT THEATER** at the Players' Ring, 105 March St., Portsmouth, 436-8123, on Sat., Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. Brian Paul shows worst movies as he and other guest comedians commmentate throughout film. Free popcorn and soda. Not appropriate for children. Tickets \$12 general admission, \$10 for students, seniors, members.

• **DORKS IN DUNGEONS PLAYING DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS LIVE** will return to the Players' Ring once a month for the rest of the main stage season at the Players' Ring (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, playersring.org, 436-8123). Sun., Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$12.

• **INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY SHOW** presented by the Majestic Theatre on Mon., Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. (\$40), and Tues., Jan. 1, at noon (\$25), at The Chateau Event Center, 201 Hanover St., Manchester. Raffle prizes included, call 669-7469 or 38

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• **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111) on Wed., Jan. 2, at 7 p.m.; and Thurs., Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.

• **WICKED WIT IN THE WEST END** presented by Darwin's Waiting Room on Fri., Jan. 4, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 5, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., Jan. 6, at 7 p.m.; at West End Studio Theater, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Call 505-8053. Tickets \$16 general admission, \$14 students and seniors.

• **SHAKESPEARE'S WILL** shows at Merrimack Repertory Theatre (132 Warren St., Lowell) Jan. 10 through Feb. 3. Tickets start at \$20. Visit MRT.org or call 978-654-4678.

• **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** at Chateau Restaurant and Event Center, 201 Hanover St., Manchester, on Fri., Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., Jan. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Call 669-5511 for ticket prices.

• **I HAVE BEEN BUSY ALL DAY** comes to Historic Belknap Mill (Beacon St., Laconia) on Fri., Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$8. Call 524-8813.

• **BLITHE SPIRIT** by New Hampshire Theatre Project at West End Studio Theater (959 Islington St., Portsmouth) on Fri., Jan. 11, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 12, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Jan. 13, at 2 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 18, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 19, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Jan. 20, at 2 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 25, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 26, at 8 p.m.; and Sun., Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$24. Email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org or call 431-6644, ext. 5.

• **SPANK** 50 Shades parody on Sun., Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com. Tickets are \$45.

• **DARING TO THINK, MOVE AND SPEAK** at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, on Thurs., Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Moving series of monologues and spirituals detailing life and legacies of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Fannie Lou Hamer, Francis Ellen Watkins Harper, Rosa Parks and Diane Nash. Tickets \$21.50, \$12.50 for children.

• **DISNEY ON ICE** shows at the Verizon Wireless Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) on Wed., Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., Jan. 31, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$26-\$75. Call 800-745-3000.

• **ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL** by Saint Anselm College Abbey Players on Thurs., Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700. One-act experimental plays directed by stu-

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'



Celebrate with Handel's "Messiah" on Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral at the corner of Pine and Lowell St. in Manchester. Here, you'll hear the sweet sounds of the Cathedral Parish Choir, the Diocesan Festival Chorus, and soloists Karol Carroll,

Eileen Christiansen, Marc DeMille, Courtney Eschbach-Wells and Murray Kidd. A suggested freewill offering of \$15 would directly benefit the Cathedral's Music Ministry. Call 622-6404.

dents. Tickets \$8.

• **AUTUMN PORTRAITS** at Pontine West End Studio (959 Islington St., Portsmouth, pontine.org, 436-6660) on Fri., Feb. 8, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 9, at 4 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$24.

• **WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE?** dinner theatre by Majestic Theatre at The Chateau, Manchester, on Fri., Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. (\$35); Sat., Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. (\$35); and Sun., Feb. 10, at 1:30 p.m. (\$32). Visit majestictheatre.net. Advanced reservation required.

• **ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY** on Thurs., March 7, at 10 a.m., at Stockbridge Theatre, 44 N. Main St., Derry, stockbridgetheatre.com. Tickets \$8 (\$6 for students and seniors). Call 437-5210.

• **WALDEN** at Pontine West End Studio (959 Islington St., Portsmouth, pontine.org, 436-6660) on Fri., March 8, at 8 p.m.; Sat., March 9, at 4 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., March 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$24.

• **GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU** at the Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 766-2192) on Tues., March 12, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., for kids K-3. Tickets \$6.

• **BALLET HISPANICO** at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, on Fri., March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$32.50.

• **CAMP ROCK: THE MUSICAL** at Amherst Middle School (14 Cross Road, Amherst) on Fri., March 14, at 7 p.m.; Sat., March 15, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

• **BYE BYE BIRDIE** at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, on Fri., March 22, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 23, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., April 5, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sat., April 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$14.

• **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT** on Tues., April 2, at the Music Hall

(28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 766-2192), at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. For kids pre-K to grade 4. Tickets \$6.

• **BILOXI BLUES** on Tues., April 9, at 7 p.m., at Paul Creative Arts Center's Johnson Theatre (30 Academic Way, Durham). Comedy about young men going off to war. Tickets \$30. Visit unharts.com or call 862-7222.

• **THE CIVIL WAR** on Tues., April 9, at the Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 766-2192), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. For grades 3-8. Tickets \$6.

• **TOMAS KUBINEK** performs at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, on Fri., April 12, at 7:30 p.m. Verbal acrobatics, physical poetry and sheer cosmic silliness. Tickets \$32.50.

• **THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS** on Fri., April 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700.

• **SOUTHERN FRIED MURDER: A DINNER THEATRE** at The Chateau, Manchester, on Fri., April 19, at 7 p.m. (\$35); Sat., April 20, at 7 p.m. (\$35); and Sun., April 21, at 1:30 p.m. (\$32). Advanced reservation required. Visit majestictheatre.net.

• **THE COMMON HEART** at Pontine West End Studio (959 Islington St., Portsmouth, pontine.org, 436-6660) on Fri., April 26, at 8 p.m.; Sat., April 27, at 4 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., April 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$24.

• **IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE** presented by TheatreworksUSA on Thurs., May 16, at 10 a.m., at Stockbridge Theatre, 44 N. Main St., Derry, stockbridgetheatre.com. Tickets \$8 (\$6 for students and seniors). Call 437-5210.

• **MY HEART IN A SUITCASE** at the Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, on Fri., May 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Call 641-7700 for tickets.

HARK, THE CAROLERS



Celebrate the holidays with some tea, carolers and a rendition of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Just Love to Sing performs in the last days before Christmas, starting on Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Franklin Opera House (316 Central St., Franklin). This is a double-feature show, starting with *Victorian Christmas Tea*. Members of Just Love to Sing will don their old-fashioned caroling apparel and involve the audience in a story about the meaning of Christmas. Following the caroling is *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. General admission is \$15; call 934-1901. If you can't make this event, they'll also perform *Amahl and the Night Visitors* in a free show at the Concord Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Auditions/open calls

- **OPEN CALL** for Teen Actors-singers summer directing team. Email secretary@actorsingers.org by Dec. 31 with proposal (show title and members of team if applicable) and be prepared to make presentation to board of directors at January board meeting on Tues., Jan. 8, at 219 Lake St., Nashua.
- **CALL FOR SINGERS** for Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus, which is seeking female singers to join a cappella barber-shop singing. Visit a Thursday rehearsal 6:45-9:15 p.m. at Marion Gerrish Community Center (35 W. Broadway, Derry), call 800-696-7351 or visit mhchorus.org.

Workshops/other

- **TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE** at the Goffstown Library (2 High St., Goffstown), postmark due by Feb. 4. Teens are invited to create a 30- to 90-second video promoting the Summer Reading program, including an interpretation of the 2013 teen slogan, "Beneath the Surface." Winners get \$275. Call 497-2102 or email denises@goffstownlibrary.com.
- **NYC TRIP** hosted by the Palace Theatre, Sat., Jan. 12, through Mon., Jan. 14. Bus ride to and from NYC, hotel stay for two nights at the Paramount Times Square and ticket to Broadway show, *Disney's Newsies*, for \$525. Reserve spot by calling 668-5588 or emailing jaynastevens@palacetheatre.org.
- **COMMUNITY DRUMMING** will hold the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:45-5:45 p.m., at Queen City Ballroom, 21 Dow St., 2nd floor, Manchester, 647-0622, thevillagedrum@aol.com. Class costs \$15.

- **NH THEATRE PROJECT** is holding workshops, classes, theater camps, a membership drive and more. Call 431-6644, or visit nhtheatreproject.org.

Classes for kids

- **HOLIDAY THEATRE CAMP** for kids with Hillcat Theatre, Dec. 26 through Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for kids ages 6 to 18, at Hillsboro United Methodist Church (16 Henniker St., Hillsborough). Call 568-5102 or email dunn.t@comcast.net. Cost is \$50.
- **THE ACTING LOFT** (516 Pine St., Manchester, 666-5999, actingloft.org) offers acting classes for kids (age 8-12), teens and adults. Learn technique, improvisation, stage combat, dance and more.
- **THE DRAMA HOUSE** A theatrical workshop for ages 13-17. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. at Springfield College, 500 Commercial St., Manchester, 703-9091, latinosonthe-moveme.com.
- **KIDS' THEATER CLASSES** offered by the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, Riverbend School of Theater Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 465-3456. Register at svbgc.org.
- **LEDDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (38 Ladd's Lane, Epping, 679-2781, leddycenter.org) offers classes and summer camps for children starting at age 4. Classes include musical theater (for kids through 15) and classes for homeschoolers.
- **THEATER UNMASKED** will hold Acting Unmasked, a series of acting classes for kids and teens, Wednesdays and Saturdays at The Mill Space, 1 Washington St., Dover, 207-358-9887, theatreunmasked.com/acting-classes.php.

• **WINDHAM ACTORS GUILD** is a nonprofit theater group open to all ages. See windhamactorsguild.com or contact Producer Christopher Cohen at 560-0428 or ccohen@suffolk.edu.

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

Concerts

- **MESSIAH** with St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Choir and Diocesan Festival Chorus on Fri., Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral Parish, at 145 Lowell St., Manchester. Suggested \$15 donation. Call 622-6404, ext. 31.
- **"THE FIRST GIFT OF CHRISTMAS" HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT** on Sun., Dec. 23, at 6:30 p.m., at Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. Tickets \$12 (\$7 for children younger than 12). Call 335-1992.
- **BEST OF BY REQUEST** concert on Tues., Jan. 1, at 8 p.m., at 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Best and brightest singers and musicians. Fundraiser for Seacoast Repertory Theatre. Tickets \$10.
- **BOSTON MANDOLIN CONCERT** on Sun., Jan. 6, at 3 p.m., at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555. Admission \$15 for adults, \$5 for student/child.
- **PAUL CIENNIWA** performs a harpsichord recital at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288) on Sun., Jan. 20, 4-5 p.m. Register by calling the library or by emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting amherst.lib.nh.us and clicking on the homepage.
- **SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ** plays on Tues., Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at Paul Creative Arts Center's Johnson Theatre (30 Academic Way, Durham). Named among one of the pianists in the world by the Baltimore Sun. Tickets are \$30. Visit unharts.com or call 862-7222.
- **THE MUSIC OF LOVE: JAYNE KELLY WITH JERRY GERMER** perform at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288, amherst.lib.nh.us, library@amherst.lib.nh.us) on Sun., Feb. 10, 4-5 p.m. Call or email to register.
- **INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL** at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 614-7470, on Fri., Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$32.50.
- **THE WILLOW FLUTE ENSEMBLE CONCERT** is on Sun., March 3, 4-5 p.m., at Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288, amherst.lib.nh.us, library@amherst.lib.nh.us). Call or email to register.
- **CELTIC CROSSROADS** at Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 614-7470, on Thurs., March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$32.50, \$12.50 for students.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE Lights over Loudon

Gift of Lights returns to New Hampshire Motor Speedway

By Cory Francer
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Christmas lights adorning houses can make a neighborhood sparkle, but sometimes, they're just not enough. For light lovers looking for a more dramatic display, the New Hampshire Motor Speedway is hosting the Gift of Lights for a second year, featuring miles of glowing holiday scenes.

For this year's display, the route has doubled in length to more than two miles and features more than two million LED lights making up more than 40 scenes.

After working with the speedway for last year's event, Winterland Inc., the Marion, Ind., company that designs and builds the displays, was able to better incorporate the lights into the specific shapes of the course. Tarah Fred of Winterland said the sheer size of the speedway's grandstand allowed them to erect a welcoming display reading "Merry Christmas" from

Gift of Lights

Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 Route 106 North, Loudon

When: Open daily through Saturday, Jan. 5, 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per car on Monday to Thursday, \$20 per car on Friday to Sunday. Buses are admitted at \$1 per person with a minimum cost of \$20. Bring at least three nonperishable food items for a discount. Visit giftoflightsnhms.com.

the top of the stands. The one-of-a-kind sign stands 18 feet tall and approximately 200 feet wide.

In creating the light show, Fred said Winterland worked with the speedway and collaborated on the design. That collaboration led to, for instance, a NAS-CAR display.

"We had a lot of requests to see the cars that go on the track," Fred said. "So, we customized and built the displays. They are holiday inspired and visitors can see Rudolph driving one of the cars."

Though some of the displays do stray from the norm of Christmas décor, Fred said visitors will also

see some holiday staples, including a Victorian village, a candy land, a toyland and a display representing the 12 days of Christmas.

Fred said that once the displays are designed they are shipped out to the speedway where they are assembled, powered up and coordinated with the various animations. Kristen Costa, director of communications at NHMS, said the construction began in October, about a month before the park opened on Nov. 16.

After visitors have made it through the two miles of lights, they can visit with Santa and the speedway's mascot, Milo the Moose, who will be available for



Top: A race car display at the Gift of Lights. Bottom: Lights are set up behind the grandstand. Photos courtesy of NHMS/Alex Bellman.

photos. There's also a bonfire blazing for s'mores making.

On select nights, Costa said there will also be an arctic wildlife display

and live animals brought in from the W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park of New England based out of Rochester. 🍂

CHILDREN & TEENS Art

- **Currier Art Center**
180 Pearl St., Manchester, 669-6144, ext. 122., currier.org
- **New Hampshire Institute of Art**
148 Concord St., Manchester, 866-241-4918, nhia.edu
- **Talk, Paper, Scissors, Inc.**
Willow Tree Plaza, 575 S. Willow St., Manchester, 669-8009, talkpaperscissors.com

Dance

- **McKenna Dance Center**
Elm Street & Horsehill Road, Penacook, 706-0589, mckennadance-center.com
- **Moving Spirit**
32 DW Highway, Merrimack, 886-7308, moving-spirit-yoga-dance.com
- **NH School of Ballet**
1271 Hooksett Road, No. 3, Hooksett, 668-5330, nhschoolofballet.com

- **Northern Ballet Theatre**
36 Arlington St., Nashua, 889-8408, nbt.org
- **Paper Moon Dance Studio**
515 DW Hwy., Merrimack, 429-1100, papermoon-dance.com
- **Petit Papillon School of Ballet**
39 Green St., Concord, 224-6463, petitpapillon.org
- **Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre**
Englewood Park, 19 Harvey Road, Bedford, 625-9272, snhd.org
- **Yoga Balance**
2 Arlington St., Manchester, 627-0008, yoga-balance.info
- **Yoga Sanctuary**
25 Indian Rock Road, The Commons, Windham, 537-0588, yogasansctuary.com

Gymnastics

- **Gymnastics Village**
13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8092, gymnasticsvillage.com

- **Tumble Town Gymnastics**
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- **Flipz Gymnastics**
134D Hall St., Concord, 224-3223, flipzgymanstics.com
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71 River Road, Bow, 228-8424, GSGymCenter.com
- **Gymboree Play Music & Art Program**
211 Loudon Road, Concord, 225-0044, gymboreeclasses.com
- **Kelly's Gymnastics**
10 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-9821, kellysgymnastics.com
- **Nashua School of Gymnastics**
30 Pond St., Nashua, 880-4927, nashuaschoolofgymnastics.com
- **New England Gymnastics Training Center**
5 Tracy Lane, Hudson, 880-8482, negtc.com

- **Spectrum Gymnastics Academy**
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 - **Autumn Hill Farm**
56 Sanborn Road, Concord, 224-1971
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183 Silver Lake Road, Hollis, 465-7470
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191 Litchfield Road, Londonderry, 432-6262, justintimefarm.com
 - **Lucky Seven Stables**
254 Litchfield Road, Londonderry, lucky7stables.com

- **Oak Rise Farm**
371 Shirley Hill Road in Goffstown, 656-9730, oakrisefarm.com
- **Ponemah Acres Farm and Riding Center**
13 Veterans Road, Amherst, 672-3552
- **Rock Hill Stable**
104 Pelham Road, Hudson, 577-8822, rockhillstable.com
- **Star Riding Academy**
Amherst, 261-9901, starridingacademy.com

Libraries

- **Amherst Town Library**
14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288, amherst.lib.nh.us
- **Bedford Library**
3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, 472-3023, bedford.lib.nh.us
- **Concord Public Library**
45 Green St., 225-8670, onconcord.com

- **Hollis Social Library**
2 Monument Sq., Hollis, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us
- **Hooksett Public Library**
1701 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 485-6092, hooksett.lib.nh.us
- **Manchester City Library**
405 Pine St., 624-6550; 76 N. Main St., 624-6560; manchester.lib.nh.us
- **Nashua Public Library**
2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4631, nashualibrary.org
- **Rodgers Memorial Library**
194 Derry Road, Hudson, rodgerslibrary.org
- **Wadleigh Memorial Library**
49 Nashua St., Milford, 673-2408, wadleigh.lib.nh.us

Martial arts

- **Academy of Health & Martial Arts**
Manchester Commons, 473 S. Willow St., Manchester, 626-5272; Lor-

HUSH LITTLE TEDDY



It's a slumber party for your stuffed friends! The Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford) is hosting a stuffed animal sleepover on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the library. Kids are invited to bring their fluffy friends to the library for some bedtime stories, a few songs and a bedtime snack. (Make sure your stuffed animal friend you bring is one that you can part with for the night.) Tuck your stuffed animal in for the night and come back on Dec. 28 to see what mischief he's been up to. All ages are welcome. Call 673-2408, visit wadleighlibrary.org.

den Plaza, 614 Nashua St. Milford, 672-1333, academy-martialarts.com

- **Averill's Martial Arts**
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- **House of the Samurai**
28 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-1445, house-of-the-samurai.net
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23 K Ave. in Hooksett, 296-7218, KenpoAcademyNorth.com
- **Manchester Karate Studio**
24 Bridge St., Manchester, 625-5835, manchesterkarate.com
- **Manchester School of Tae Kwon Do**
Manchester YMCA on Mechanic Street, mstkd.com
- **MLK Self Defense Academy**
323 S. Willow St., Manchester, 625-4655, mlksda.com
- **Morning Star Martial Arts**
102 Elm St. in Milford, 654-7701, morningstarmartialarts.com
- **Sifu West's Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan**
10 Northern Blvd., Amherst, 483-1903, yangstyle.com
- **Terry Dow's Academy**
18 S. Commercial St. in Manchester, 591-6546, terrydowsacademy.com
- **Tokyo Joe's Self Defense**
1338 Hooksett Road, in Hooksett, 641-3444, tokyojoeshooksett.com
- **Tokyo Joe's Studios of Self-Defense**
143 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 889-4165, tokyojoes.net

Museums

- **The Children's Museum of NH**
6 Washington St., Dover,

742-2002, childrens-museum.org

- **Mariposa Museum**
26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, mariposamuseum.org

Music

- **Bordeleau Keyboarding Studios**
48 Maple Drive, Bedford, 472-5566
- **Concord Community Music School**
23 Wall St., Concord, 228-1196, ccmusicschool.org
- **The Lidman Music School**
419 Amherst St., Nashua, 882-5456, lidmanmusic.com
- **TLP Music School**
1 Bryce Drive, Merrimack, 424-4116, tlpmusicschool.com
- **Manchester Community Music School**
2291 Elm St., Manchester, 644-4548, mcmusicschool.org
- **Manchester Music Mill**
Stark Mill, 400 Bedford St., Suite 101, Manchester, 623-8022, manchestermusicmill.com
- **Mavro Music School**
15 Olde Towne Road, Auburn, 483-5779
- **Music Together**
249-9560, musictogetherofmilford.com
- **Nashua Community Music School**
5 Pine St. Ext., Nashua, 881-7030, nashuacms.org
- **Ted Herbert's Music School**
922 Elm St., Manchester, 669-9191, tedherbert.com
- **West Brothers Music**
Amherst and Londonderry, N.H., and Tewksbury, Mass., 483-1903, westbrothersmusic.com

Nature

- **Amoskeag Fishways**

6 Fletcher St., Manchester, 626-FISH, amoskeagfishways.org

- **Beaver Brook Association**
117 Ridge Road, Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org
- **Charmingfare Farm**
Route 27, Candia, 483-5623, visitthefarm.com
- **Daniel Webster Council of Boy Scouts**
571 Holt Ave., Manchester, 625-6431, nhscouting.org
- **Educational Farm at Joppa Hill**
174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford, 472-4724, theeducationalfarm.org
- **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains**
One Commerce Drive, Bedford, 627-4158, girlscoutsgwm.org
- **Massabesic Audubon Center**
26 Audubon Way, Auburn, 668-2045, nhaudubon.org
- **McLane Audubon Center**
3 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 224-9909, nhaudubon.org

Science

- **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center**
2 Institute Drive, Concord, 271-STAR, starhop.com
- **RoboTech Center**
110 DW Highway, Nashua, 888-6102, robotechcenter.com
- **Seacoast Science Center**
570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-8043, seacoastsciencecenter.org
- **SEE Science Center**
200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

Sports

- **Amherst Soccer Club**
PO Box 853, Amherst, amherstsoccerclub.com
- **Bedford Basketball League**
PO Box 10351, Bedford, 488-1161, bedfordbl.com
- **Bow Soccer Club**
2 Mountain Farm Road, Bow, 224-4079, bowsoccerclub.com
- **Concord Sports Center**
2 Whitney Road, Concord, 224-1655, concordsportscenter.com
- **Conway Ice Arena**
8 Riverside St., Nashua, 595-2400, conwayarena.com
- **Derry Hawks Soccer**
216-2700, derrysoccerclub.org
- **Fieldhouse Sports**
12 Tallwood Drive, Bow, 226-4646, fieldhousesports.com
- **Manchester East Soccer League**
PO Box 4233, Manchester, 626-7833, mesl.org
- **Manchester North Soccer League**
647-1766, mnsl.org
- **Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association**
PO Box 4958, Manchester, mryha.org
- **Milford Community Athletic Association**
26 N. River Road, Milford, mcaa.us
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Building,666-5999, actingloft.
org
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155 Route 101, Bedford,
472-3894, bypc.org
• **Majestic Academy of
Dramatic Arts**
281 Cartier St., Manchester,
669-7469, majestictheatre.net
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80 Hanover St., Manchester,
668-5588, palacetheatre.org
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14 Court St., Nashua, 889-
2330, peacockplayers.org

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8699, onconcord.com/recre-
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• **Manchester Boys
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55 Union St., Manchester,
625-5031, mbgcnh.org
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47 Grand Ave., Nashua,
883-0523, bgcn.com
• **Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls
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56 Mont Vernon St., Milford,
672-1002, svbgc.org
• **Toadstool Bookshop**
586 Nashua St., Milford, 673-
1734; 12 Depot Square, Peter-
borough, 924-3543; toadbooks.
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• **Verizon Wireless Arena**
555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-
5000, verizonwirelessarena.
com
• **YWCA Manchester**
72 Concord St., Manchester,
625-5785

Events

• **GLASS ORNAMENTS** at
Hollis Social Library (2 Monu-
ment Sq., Hollis) Thurs., Dec. 20,
at 4 p.m. For children in grades

3-6. All materials will be provid-
ed to create your own glass orna-
ment. Registration is required.
Call 465-7721 or visit www.hol-
lislibrary.org.
• **CRAZY CARDS** at Kelley
Library (234 Main St., Salem)
Thurs., Dec. 20, at 3:30 p.m. For
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create your own greeting card.
Registration is required. Call
898-7064.
• **HOLIDAY TEA PARTY** at
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ment Sq., Hollis) Fri., Dec. 21, at
11:45 a.m. For ages 2-5, visit the
library for cookies, juice and sto-
ries. Register by calling 465-7721
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Dover) Sat., Dec. 22, 2-6:30
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SLEEPOVER** at the Wadleigh
Memorial Library (49 Nashua
St., Milford) Thurs., Dec. 27, 7-8
p.m. Bring a stuffed animal to the
library, tuck it into bed and read a
bedtime story. Then, pick up the
stuffed animal on Fri., Dec. 28.
Call 673-2408, email refdesk@
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• **NOON YEAR’S EVE** at the
Currier Museum of Art (150
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a countdown to the new year.
Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9
for seniors, \$8 for students and
free for ages 17 and younger. Call
669-6144 ext. 108 or visit www.
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• **BOOK CLUB FOR GRADES
2 & 3** at Wadleigh Memorial
Library (49 Nashua St., Milford)
Mon., Jan. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Visit the library to discuss *The
Mysterious Benedict Society*.
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Gymnastics

• **FLIPZ GYMNASTICS** (134D
Hall St., Concord, 224-3223,
flipzgymnastics.com) offers
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ages 6 and older, \$60 per month.
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olds and older are separated by
skill and are an hour or more, one
to two times per week, \$70 per
month and up.
• **GRANITE STATE GYM-
NASTICS CENTER** (71 River
Road, Bow, 228-8424, granites-
tategymnastics.org) offers classes
for girls and boys age 5 and older,
\$65 and up (depending on level)
per month. There are tumbling
and trampoline classes (ages 5
and older) for \$65 per month.
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9821, kellysgymnastics.com)
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at 6:30 p.m.
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Martial arts

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illsmartialarts.com). Along with
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program.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
*A while back you answered a question
about a clock in The Hippo. I am usually
good at remembering things, but not this
time. It was a Big Ben clock, and I have one
as well and couldn’t figure out if it was of
high value or not. Can you help me out? It’s
in working condition.*
Claire

Dear Claire,
You do indeed have a Westclox clock, but
it’s not the same one I wrote about before.
But this brings up an interesting point.
Yours is a Ben Hur put out in the same time
frame from the early 1900s, but it’s a differ-
ent version than the Big Ben clock.
What’s nice about yours is if you get it
up and running, you will see the numbers
glow, so you can see it in the dark. This is
called an illumines face. Even though it’s
from the same company and time period,
the value may be slightly different. As long
as it’s working, I would say yours is in the
\$60-80 range.

The interesting point to all this is one
thing is not like the other. Most people
see things on TV or read about them and
assume that, for example, one vase is just
like the other. I have people come into
the store and say to me, “I saw this vase
on a TV program, and it’s worth so much,
right?” Well unless it’s the exact one, no.
You see, you may have a Roseville Pottery
vase, but it could be a smaller version, dif-
ferent color, different pattern etc., and that
all counts for different values.

Confusing? Here’s another example:
Let’s say you have a piece of Depression
glass. There were so many patterns and col-
ors made that those characteristics really
have a lot to do with the value. Back then,
some colors were popular, and so many
pieces were made that today they are easy
to find, so the value is lower on them than

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sons. Students receive a free trial
lesson.

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1813, mstkdc.com) offers Tae
Kwon Do for Kids, ages 6-16.
• **MLK SELF-DEFENSE
ACADEMY** (138 Wayne St.,
Manchester, 625-4655, mlksda.
com) offers Kickin’ Kids, Lit-
tle Ninjas and Little Dragons
programs. Little Dragons and
Little Ninjas meet Mondays and
Wednesdays, 5 p.m.; Kickin’ Kids
meet Mondays and Wednesdays,
5:40 p.m.
• **MORNING STAR MARTIAL
ARTS** (307 Elm St., Milford,
654-7701, morningstarma.com)
offers programs including Tiger
Kids (age 4 to 6), Juniors (age 7
to 14) and Adult (13 and older).
• **SIDEKICK TAE KWON DO**
(10 Nashua Road/Route 102,
Londonderry, 434-4300, side-
kicktaekwondo.com) offers Tae-

kwondo, cardio kickboxing, self-
defense, and classes for children
6 and older.
• **TAOIST ARTS CENTER** (472
Amherst St., Nashua, 943-5806,
academy-martialarts.com) offers
one-hour classes for children and
teenagers.
• **TERRY DOW’S ACADEMY
OF MARTIAL ARTS/THE
TRAINING STATION** (200
Elm St., Manchester, 591-6546,
terrydowsacademy.com) offers
programs for children 4 and older.
• **TOKYO JOE’S STUDIO OF
SELF-DEFENSE** (1338 Hook-
sett Road, Hooksett, 641-3444,
tokyojoeshooksett.com) offers
classes for kids. Call for schedule.
• **TOKYO JOE’S STUDIO OF
SELF-DEFENSE** (865 2nd St.,
Manchester, 623-5778, tokyojo-
esmanchester.com) specializes in
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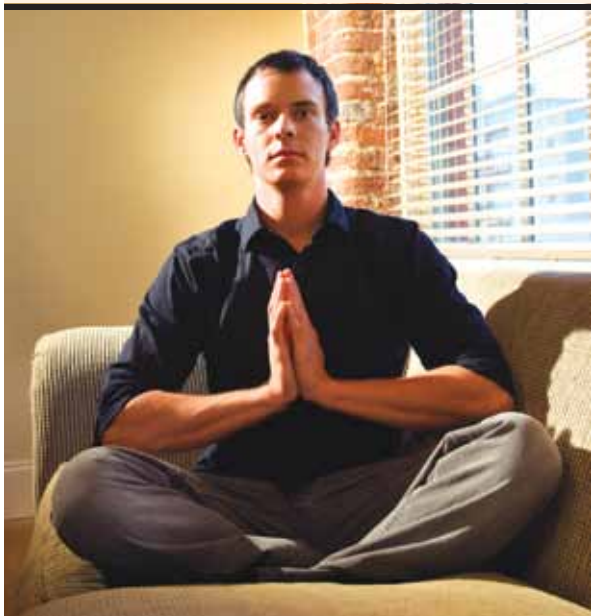
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TAKE A TIMEOUT



It's easy to get stressed during the holiday season, but sometimes you just need to slow down. Meditate in the final days before Christmas at the World Meditation event at the Holistic Self Care Center (12 Murphy Drive, Nashua) on Friday, Dec. 21, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Admission is free, but there's a suggested donation of \$5. Call 883-1490, email info@thehsccenter.com, or visit thehsccenter.com.

• **TOKYO JOE'S STUDIO OF SELF-DEFENSE** (143 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 889-4165, tokyोजoes.net) has programs including Little Panthers (age 3-4), Little Dragons (age 5-6) and Juniors (age 7-12) and Teens (age 13-17). Classes offered Monday-Saturday.

Music

• **BORDELEAU KEYBOARDING STUDIOS** (48 Maple Drive, Bedford, 472-5566) offers piano, keyboard and organ lessons for children beginning at 6 years old.

• **CONCORD COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL** (23 Wall St., Concord, 228-1196, ccmusic-school.org) offers classes in most musical instruments and voice along with ensemble coaching and music therapy. There are also music and movement classes for children ages 6 months to 6 years. The fall session includes Take Three (ages 4-6), Concord Community Singers (all ages; no auditions necessary), Music & Movement (up to age 6) and the Purple Finches chorus (grades K-8).

• **LEDDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (38 Ladd's Lane, Epping, leddycenter.org, 679-2781) offers private lessons in guitar, bass, piano, voice and woodwind.

• **THE LIDMAN MUSIC SCHOOL** (419 Amherst St., Nashua, 882-5456, lidmanmusic.com) offers private instruction in the violin, viola and piano. Weekly 30-minute lessons are \$95 per

month, weekly 45-minute lessons are \$140 per month and weekly hour lessons are \$185 per month. Parents are encouraged to attend lessons.

• **THE LITTLE PRIVATE MUSIC SCHOOL** (1 Bryce Drive, Merrimack, 424-4116, tlp-musicschool.com) offers all private lessons. Presence of a parent is required for all students age 9 or younger. Performance classes are scheduled once a month on Sunday at 4 p.m. Tuition is \$130 per month.

• **MANCHESTER MUSIC MILL** (377 Elm St., Manchester, 606-4447, manchestermusicmill.com) offers private, semi-private and clinic lessons in drum set, percussion, guitar (acoustic and electric), bass guitar, woodwind and brass instruments. Cost is \$20 half-hour lesson. No registration fees or long-term commitments.

• **MAVRO MUSIC SCHOOL** (15 Olde Towne Road, Auburn, 483-5779) offers lessons in guitar, piano, drums and electric bass. One-hour lessons are \$20.

• **MIDDLE MUSIC ACADEMY** Middle NH Arts and Entertainment Center, 316 Central St., Franklin, various children's music classes. Call 934-1901.

• **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT** at Concord Community Music School (23 Wall St., Concord). Visit www.ccmusicschool.org for dates, times and registration.

Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), Thursdays at 10 a.m. For ages up to 6, come for singing, stories and musical instruments. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **MUSIC FOR INFANTS** at Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center (30 Ash St., Hollis). Register for classes online at www.wildsalamander.com. Classes include Listen Like Learn Music, Your Baby Needs Music, Baby Muga, Pajama Muga for Walking Toddlers and acoustic guitar lessons for ages 8-adult. Call 465-9453 or visit www.wildsalamander.com.

• **MUSIC THERAPY** at Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord, for children with learning and developmental disabilities. Offered in individual and group formats. Call the school at 228-1196 to schedule a consultation.

• **MUSIC TOGETHER** in Nashua, Manchester, Bedford, Merrimack, Amherst. Infants through kindergartners with parents or caregivers in mixed-age classes, 10-week sessions. Visit a class; call director Amy Conley, 249-9560, musictogether.com.

• **MUSICAL BRIDGE PROGRAM** at Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord, for ages 5-8, in recorder and strings. Call the school at 228-1196 or visit ccmusicschool.org.

• **MUSIK GARTEN** at Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. For parents and babies to participate together, learn different ways to involve music in playtime.

• **NH SCHOOL OF THE SCOTTISH ARTS** (922 Elm St., Manchester, nhssa.org; 621-9949) offers private and group classes in piping, drumming, fiddle and penny whistle. Call for schedule.

• **PURPLE FINCHES CHORUS** at Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord, for children in grades K-8. Open to the public. Call 228-1196 or visit ccmusicschool.org.

• **PUTTING MUSIC TO WORK** an initiative to make music more available and affordable to greater Manchester youth. For Putting Music to Work sponsorship opportunities, call 644-4548 or visit mcmusicschool.org.

• **PRIVATE AT-HOME LESSONS** with Melissa Blasek, a professional musician and vocalist and graduate of the Berklee School of Music. There are private vocal, piano and guitar instructions tailored to the students. Contact Blasek at 401-2542 or melissa.bl@hotm.com. See melissablasek.net.

• **SUZUKI VIOLIN PROGRAM** at Concord Community Music School (23 Wall St., Con-

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cord). For children 4 and older. No musical background required. Incorporates parent involvement. Call 228-1196 or visit www.ccmusicschool.org.

- **TAKE THREE** piano introduction at the Concord Community Music School (23 Wall St., Concord). For ages 4-6. Visit www.ccmusicschool.org or call 228-1196.

- **TED HERBERT'S MUSIC SCHOOL** (922 Elm St., Manchester, 669-9191, tedherbert.com) offers some group lessons, as well as private instruction in brass, drum, guitar, piano, string instruments, woodwinds and vocals.

- **TEEN MUSIC CLASSES** at Music Together of Milford, 102 Elm St., Milford, on Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Advanced beginners and intermediates welcome to acoustic music class led by Amy Conley. Adults also welcome. Call 249-9560 to register. Visit amyconleymusic.com.

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- **VIOLIN & GUITAR** Suzuki Violin Studio (890 Valley St., Manchester, 668-SONG) offers violin, guitar, bass and viola lessons.

- **VIOLIN & PIANO** Student Centered Music Programs, Amherst. Susan Joy, violin and piano teacher plans for a youth symphony, string orchestra, and a preparatory string ensemble. Rehearsals will be scheduled on Mondays in the Amherst area. Auditions for strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion are now being held by appointment. To arrange an audition, contact Susan Joy at 883-2466 or susan-joy.music@gmail.com.

- **WEST BROTHERS MUSIC** (Locations in Amherst, Londonderry or Tewksbury, Mass., 438-1903, westbrothersmusic.com) offers group lessons, as well as private lessons in piano, guitar, bass, drums, voice, bagpipe, penny whistle and recorder, along with classes in music theory, music history, improvisation, ear training and sight singing, and ensemble classes. The school also offers webcam classes regardless of location.

Nature

- **FAMILY WISE TALKS** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) on the third Saturday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m. "Mother West Wind" visits from the Green Meadows with stories about the creatures that live at Smiling Pond and Laughing Brook. Free with admission. Visit seacoastsciencecenter.org/calendar or call 436-8043.

- **SATURDAY TREKS** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) on the third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to

INSIDE/OUTSIDE KIDDIE POOL

Library events

It's tea time at the Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis). Kids ages 2-5 can visit the library on Friday, Dec. 21, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for a **holiday tea party** featuring snacks, stories music and juice. Call 465-7721 or visit hollislibrary.org.

The Pontine Theatre will bring its rendition of the Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life* to the Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem) Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. The two-person performance will feature puppets and masks and is presented with no admission cost. Call 898-7064 or visit salem.lib.nh.us.

It's cold outside, so stay warm indoors at the library and **watch a movie**. The Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) is holding a family film on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 2 to 3:35 p.m. The movie is rated PG and runs for 94 minutes, but you have to call 589-4646 for the film title. Visit nashualibrary.org.

Do you have what it takes to **be a spy**? Find out at the Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett) on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For ages 6 and older, work

noon. For children 4-7. Nature walk, bring camera. Cost is \$35 per child. Visit seacoastsciencecenter.org/calendar or call 436-8043.

Ongoing activities

- **ABC AND ME** at Meredith Public Library (91 Main St., Meredith), Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., or 1-2 p.m. For ages 3-5, learn songs, stories and crafts to help expand vocabulary. Call 279-4303.

- **ART CLASSES** will be held at the Kimball Jenkins Estate (266 N. Main St., Concord) throughout the spring for both children and adults. Call 225-3932 or visit kimballjenkins.com.

- **ARTSY SATURDAYS** at Meredith Public Library (91 Main St., Meredith), Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Create art and learn art concepts. Call 279-4303 or visit www.meredithlibrary.org.

- **AMERICAN GIRL CLUB** at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, on the third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bring your American Girl doll. Call 668-0022.

- **BECK'S ART EXPRESS** offers children's art parties and art education at 6 Gaffney St., Nashua. Call 889-1670 or visit artsexpressnh.com.

- **CONCORD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (55 Bradley St., Concord, 224-1061, concordkids.org)

your way through tests to determine if you are spy material. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

The Bedford Library will also temporarily become a cinema with a **school vacation movie** on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The movie is rated PG, and children under 13 are asked to be accompanied by a parent. Call 472-2300 or visit bedford.lib.nh.us.

Christmas fun

The farm will be bright with lights as families make their way toward the "North Pole." Head to Charmingfare Farm (774 High St., Candia) during the evening on Thursday, Dec. 20, through Monday, Dec. 24, for the **Lighted Winter Wonderland**. Take a horse-drawn ride through light displays and costumed characters on the way to visit Santa. Plan to be at the farm for at least two hours and be sure to bring your letters to Santa. Admission is \$25, and children 23 months and younger are free. Call 483-5623 or visit visitthefarm.com.

Nothing says Christmas Eve like caroling. Visit the Milford Oval (Union Square, Milford) on Monday, Dec. 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for

offers after-school programs ages 6-18. There are also programs in Suncook and Hopkinton along with fall and winter basketball. Applications for after-school programs are on the website.

- **CRAFTERNOON** for grades 1 to 8 at Concord Public Library is held once monthly and features a different craft project each month.
- **CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA** at Tucker Free Library (31 Western Ave., Henniker, 428-3471, tuckerfreelibrary.org) every Thursday at 3:15 p.m. for children in grades K-2.

- **CREATIVE CRAFT CLASSES** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Thursdays at 4 p.m. For ages 6-10. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/nplkid for up to three of six options.

- **DOLLAR DEAL NIGHT** at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) on the first Friday of the month during the school year. From 5:30-8 p.m., museum admission will be \$1. Call 742-2002 or visit www.childrensmuseum.org.

- **FAMILY DROP IN STORYTIME** at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown) Saturdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16, at 10 a.m. No registration required. Call 497-2102, email pattip@goffstownlibrary.com or visit goffstownlibrary.com.

- **FAMILY PAJAMA TIME** in

the meeting room at Hollis Social Library on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., all ages welcome. Enjoy stories and snacks.

- **FIRST FRIENDS PLAY GROUP** (Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, childrensmuseum.org) runs every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. Parents and their children ages 6-24 months are invited to come and play. This drop-in program is free for museum members; nonmembers pay regular admission.

- **FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES** at West Manchester Community Library, every Friday at 3 p.m. Call 624-6550.

- **FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIES** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis) on the first Friday of the month at 5:15 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share. Call 465-7721 or visit www.hollislibrary.org.

- **GIRL SCOUTS** of the Green and White Mountains, for girls ages 5-17. Make friends, take action, and have new and exciting experiences. See girlscoutsgwm.org or call 888-474-9686 to find a troop in your area.

- **GREATER MANCHESTER YMCA** (locations in Manchester, Goffstown, Londonderry and Rochester, gmymca.org) offers before- and after-school care in all locations along with

traditional **Christmas carols** sung outdoors. It should be a cold evening, so complimentary hot drinks will be available. Call the Light of the World Christian Church at 673-9324 or the Burns Hill Christian Fellowship at 672-4476.

Science and nature

The SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester) has three options for its **family workshops** this weekend. Visit on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon, or Sunday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., for workshops all about vision, three-dimensional objects and making a mobile to learn about balance and weight. The workshops are included in the price of admission, which is \$8 per person age three and up.

It's time to party at the Fishways. Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) is hosting a **school vacation open house party** on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the Fishways free of charge for a day of live animal presentations, crafts, snacks and prizes. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeagfishways.org. 🐟

a School's Out program in Manchester. Rates vary depending on and location.

- **GREATER NASHUA YMCA** (6 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, 881-7778, and 17 Prospect St., Nashua, 882-2011, nmymca.org) offers an after-school program for children in grades 1-6.

- **HOMEWORK HELP** at the Connection Center, 280 DW Hwy., Merrimack, every Friday, 3-5 p.m. Free. See connection-center.org or call 670-8504.

- **LEGO CLUB** in the auditorium of Concord Public Library, second Thursday of each month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Each month participants will be given a new building challenge; designed for grades K-8. Registration is not required. Call 225-8670.

- **LEGO CLUB** at Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), first and third Friday of the month at 3:30 p.m. For ages 6 and older. Build your own Lego project.

- **LEGOS** at Meredith Public Library (91 Main St., Meredith), every Tuesday and Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m. The library will provide a box of Legos to build with. Call 279-4303.

- **MANCHESTER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (555 Union St., Manchester, 625-5982 or 625-5031, mbgnh.org) offers and after-school programs in various locations in Manchester, includ-

DOODLE YOUR ART



Think of it as doodling with a purpose. Visit the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Nashua Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) for Introduction to Zentangle. According to a press release from the Gallery, the technique is "a structured, contained doodle created with the intention of producing a finished piece of art." One of the goals of Zentangle is to relieve stress. The class costs \$20 with a \$10 materials fee. Call 595-8233, email nashuarg@nhcrafts.org or visit nhcrafts.org.

ing the Keystone Club and homework help.

• **MESSY CRAFT CLUB** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis). First Monday of each month at 4 p.m. for grades K-2. After making a messy craft, enjoy a story. Call 465-7721 or visit www.hollislibrary.org.

• **MONDAY NIGHT SCRABBLE** Every Monday at Hollis Social Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Invite your favorite Scrabble partner to come with you, or meet new opponents. Bring a Scrabble board if you have one.

• **MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis) on the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. For girls in grades 5-8 and their mothers. Attendees are requested to bring a potluck dish. Sign up online at www.hollislibrary.org.

• **NASHUA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (47 Grand Ave., Nashua, 883-0523, bgcn.com) offers programs for ages 5 to 18. Transportation is available from all Nashua schools to the Boys & Girls Club along with after-school programs at area schools. The website has a full listing of programs.

• **OPEN GYM** at Flipz Gymnastics (134D Hall St., Concord, 224-3223, flipzgymnastics.com) on Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon, and Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There are trampolines, rings, balance beams, tunnels, slides, an inflatable bounce house and more. Cost is \$5 per child. Call 224-3223.

• **PAWS FOR PAGES** Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord, 230-3682. Designed to help kids improve their reading

and communication skills. Lily or Sparkle will be available with their handlers the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 3:30-5 p.m. to listen as children read to her. Both are certified through Therapy Dogs International and are calm, gentle dogs that love people. Children who attend will each have 15 minutes of Lily's or Sparkle's undivided attention.

• **PAPER CRAFT** at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. For ages 8 and older, a different paper craft each month. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **PRESCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Register at www.tinyurl.com/nplkid for up to three of six options.

• **SOUHEGAN VALLEY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** (56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 672-1002, svbgc.org) offers after-school for 6- to 18-year-olds along with before-school program for elementary students.

• **SQUAM TODDLER TIME** at Squam Lakes Association (534 Route 3, Holderness), on the third Thursday of the month through April, 10 a.m.-noon. Admission is free and activities will include nature exploration. Call 968-7336, info@squamlakes.org or visit www.squamlakes.org.

• **TOT TIME** at Meredith Public Library (91 Main St., Meredith), Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. For children up to 3 years old, come for a story, art project and a snack. Call 279-4303.

• **TUESDAYS WITH STORIES** at Pelham Public Library (24 Vil-

lage Green, Pelham) on the third Tuesday of the month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. For grades 2-4, visit the library for a book and an activity. Call 635-7581 or visit www.pelhampubliclibrary.org.

• **WEE ONES PLAY GROUP** (Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, childrensmuseum.org) runs every Wednesday 9:45-10:45 a.m. This interactive, drop-in program for children ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver includes art, music, movement and conceptual learning with a new theme each week. The cost per adult/child pair is \$8 (\$5 for members).

• **WII FRIDAY** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis), every Friday, 2:30-4:45 p.m. Games and snacks will be provided, but kids in grades three and up are invited to bring their own. Call 465-7721 or visit www.hollislibrary.org.

• **WII WEDNESDAY** at Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. For grades five and up, Wii and board games will be available for an afternoon of play. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **YWCA OF MANCHESTER** (72 Concord St., Manchester, 625-5785, ywcanh.org) offers Peer Action Changing Tomorrow, a 10-week YWCA teen leadership and education program that empowers teens to become resources and consultants to peers about sexuality and health concerns, and Girls Circle, a safe and fun place for girls to get away from all the difficult things they deal with from day to day. It also offers an after-school program for girls 6 to 13. Email info@ywcanh.org.

Science

• **OCEAN COMMOTION** at Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-8043, ext. 12), Mondays, 9-10 a.m. Fun, games, singing, dancing stories and crafts. \$5 per child. Visit seacoastsciencecenter.org/calendar or 436-8043.

Sports

• **ALL-AGES ARCHERY** with New England School of Archery and Supplies. Classes are available for ages 7 and older throughout the state; equipment provided. Call 672-2845 or email nesainc@aol.com.

• **AMHERST SOCCER CLUB** (P.O. Box 853, Amherst, amherstsoccerclub.com) offers soccer programs for children age 3-10. There are also limited spots in boys' and girls' U11-U14 teams. Email registrar@amherstsoccerclub.com.

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Amaryllis, poinsettias and paperwhites

How to grow these popular winter plants

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I love to grow things. In fact, I will try growing almost anything once. Indoors, outdoors, elegant, clunky, thorny – every plant has its virtues. I even accepted (against my better judgment) a Crown of Thorns plant (*Euphorbia Milii*) from my friend and fellow writer Willem Lange. It was, I believe, a plant from his grandmother – and Will is older than I am. So it might be a 100-year-old houseplant.

It does have nice small reddish flowers (it blooms constantly), but it is tall and lanky and covered with dangerous thorns. I keep it on the deck in the summer where leaves and pine needles fall on it – but I’m afraid to go into the interior regions of this plant to clean them up now, as I might need a blood transfusion after doing the job.

I recently purchased an amaryllis kit at my favorite general store. Amaryllis plants are wonderful: They will produce anywhere from three to nine lovely, large lily-like blossoms. They are foolproof if you follow the directions. They come with a soil-like medium, a pot and the bulb.

Just hydrate the disk of planting medium (generally coir, a sustainable alternative to peat moss made of shredded coconut fiber), and plant the amaryllis bulb. Half or more of the bulb should be above the soil line in the pot. I like to soak the roots in warm water for 15 minutes before planting to make them more flexible, though the directions don’t tell you to do

that. Put on a sunny windowsill and wait.

Sometimes an amaryllis bulb will start growing immediately; other times it will sit and sulk for up to a month. (You might want to talk to it, giving it encouraging words if you’re in a hurry). Sometimes it will produce leaves, then flowers, but most commonly the flowers come first. Sometimes you will get just one stalk of flowers, other times two or even three in sequence. The more you pay for the bulb, generally, the more stems you will get.

Even easier than amaryllis are poinsettias. Every florist and grocery store has them for sale in full bloom right now, ready to adorn your table. Only the “flowers” are not really flowers. They are modified leaves called bracts, which surround an inconspicuous yellow flower in the middle of each cluster. You can get them in a wide variety of colors and shapes. Red is the classic color, and still my favorite, but they also come in pink, cream, striped, peach, cinnamon and more.

The key to happy poinsettias is to avoid over-watering them. Only water when the soil feels dry and the pot feels light when you pick it up. They do fine in the interior of the house; they don’t need direct sunlight, which may account, in part, for their popularity. You can save them from year to year but the production of the colorful bracts depends on having days of a certain length, which is best done in a greenhouse. And contrary to popular myth, the plants are not poisonous to cats – a Uni-

versity of Ohio team tested them. Poor test kitties, I’m sure they’re not tasty. (I do wonder how they got the cats to eat the poinsettias.)

Paperwhite are another sure winner for the holidays, and a great gift for the gardener. These are generally sold as bulbs, not kits, so you have a little more work to do if you’d like these fragrant white blossoms. And it’s too late to get them blooming by Christmas. They generally take a month or more from planting to blooming (for me, anyway). But I shall buy some today, and get started.

Paperwhites are in the narcissus or daffodil family. To get them to bloom, you will need a flat, wide dish that is an inch or two deep. Fill the dish with gravel or small stones. And although you can pick stones out of your driveway, white stones are available at garden centers in small bags and look much nicer. Simply arrange the bulbs shoulder to shoulder in the gravel with at least half the bulb sticking up above the layer stones. Then add water until it just kisses the bottom of the bulbs. Do not, I repeat, *do not* fill the dish with too much water, as you can rot the bulbs.

You may need to tie up your paperwhites to keep them from flopping over when the leaves and flower stems get tall. And rotating the dish every few days keeps them from leaning toward the window grasping for more winter light. Paperwhites produce more than one blossom on each stem, and are really quite elegant. They are not reuseable, however. That’s



The key to happy poinsettias is to avoid over-watering. Henry Homeyer photo.

right. After they bloom, just throw them away because they are not hardy in New England.

Winter in New England can be bleak. I buy cut flowers at my local florist to keep on the table to brighten the room and remind me of summer. But a few good plants can tide me over during those times when the flowers I’ve bought have gone by, and before I get the next batch.

And as to that Crown of Thorns, writing this column inspired me to work on cleaning it up. I used the vacuum cleaner and it worked!



Amaryllis plants are generally foolproof. Henry Homeyer photo.

Visit www.henry.homeyer.com to read about Henry’s new children’s book, *Wobar and the Quest for the Magic Calumet*. It is a fantasy-adventure chapter book about a boy and a cougar. 🐾

beginners and advanced players on Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons for seven-week sessions at East Concord Community Center, Concord. Call 225-8690 or visit ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **BALLET AND TAP** for ages 2-7 at Green Street Community Center Dance Studio (39 Green St., Concord), on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit www.ci.concord.nh.us/recreation for times and prices.

• **BASKETBALL** offered by Concord Recreation for 4 years old to sixth grade. Learn basketball basics in a league stressing fun. Cost is \$55. Third-grade through sixth-grade leagues are only for Concord and Penacook residents. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

• **BASKETBALL** offered by

Concord Recreation for grades 7-12. This league, for Concord and Penacook residents, is for students who did not make their school team, but still want to play basketball. Call 225-8690 or visit www.ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **BATTER UP** at the Green Street Community Center Gym (39 Green St., Concord) Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, 10-10:45 a.m. For ages 3-5, learn baseball fundamentals. Offered through the Concord Parks & Recreation Department. Enrollment is \$36 for residents and \$46 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

• **BEDFORD BASKETBALL LEAGUE** (P.O. Box 10351, Bedford, 488-1161, bedfordbl.com) offers recreational teams for boys and girls in grades 2-8 and travel teams for boys and girls in grades

3 to 8 along with boys’ and girls’ biddy basketball for grades 9-12. Children must try out for travel teams.

• **BILL KOCH SKI LEAGUE** on Fridays Jan. 4-Feb. 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Offered through the Concord Parks & Recreation Department, the cross country ski league for ages 6-11 will meet at Memorial Field (South Fruit St., Concord). Participants must supply their own equipment. Enrollment is \$42 for residents and \$52 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

• **FIELDHOUSE SPORTS** (12 Tallwood Drive, Bow, 226-4646, fieldhousesports.com) offers skills clinics for children 6 and older.

• **MANCHESTER EAST SOCCER LEAGUE** (mesl.org) has

teams from U6 to U19.

• **MANCHESTER NORTH SOCCER LEAGUE** (mnsf.org) has teams from U6 to U19.

• **NH SPORTSPLEX** (68 Technology Drive, Bedford, 641-1313, nhsportsplex.com) offers soccer for children 18 months and older (including competitive soccer U8-U16), youth flag football and lacrosse. Call for prices and details.

• **NLP ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** Next Level Performance (31 S. Commercial St., Manchester, nlpsspeed.com) offers in classes strength, speed, agility, flexibility and injury prevention for athletes ages 11 and older on Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. Call 627-7500.

• **SOCCER DIVISION I** by Concord Recreation for grades 1-2, on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays, 5-6:15 p.m. Cost is \$54. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **SOCCER DIVISION II** by Concord Recreation for grades 3-4. Games will be played on Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday. Cost is \$54. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **SOCCER DIVISION III GIRLS** by Concord Recreation for grades 5-6. Cost is \$54. Games will be played on Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday. Open to the public, but space is limited. Call 225-8690 or visit ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **SOCCER FUNDAMENTALS** offered by Concord Recreation for ages 4-6 on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$54. Open to Pena-

cook residents. Call 225-8690 or visit ci.concord.nh.us/recreation.

• **TEAM NH BASEBALL** has limited openings left for 2013 U14s and 15s roster spots. Year round training and seasonal games. Call 577-1772 or email nhgrizzlies@comcast.net.

• **TOT TENNIS** at the Green Street Community Center Gym (39 Green St., Concord) Fridays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15, 10-10:45 a.m. Offered through Concord Parks & Recreation, this program for ages 3-5 will present basic tennis skills. Cost is \$36 for residents and \$46 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

• **TRI-TOWN ICE ARENA** (311 W. River Road, Hooksett, 485-1100, tri-townicearena.com) offers learn to skate for 3-year-olds and older, learn to play

FINANCIAL AID AID



The college application process can be confusing and overwhelming. But on Wednesday, Jan. 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., visit the Griffin Free Public Library (22 Hooksett Road, Auburn) for "Financial Aid 101." Learn about FAFSA and other financial aid options as you take on the application process. Admission is free. Call 483-5374 or visit griffinfree.com.

hockey for 4- to 9-year-olds, and public skating.

• **WINTER INDOOR LACROSSE CLINICS** at Abbott Downing School (152 South St., Concord) Sundays, Jan. 6-March 24. Clinics are offered for boys and girls born between 2002 and 2006. Enrollment is \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

Storytime

• **BABY AND PARENT STORYTIME** at Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem), every Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. For parents and babies 9 months to 2 years old. Call 898-7064 or visit www.kelleylibrary.org.

• **BEDTIME STORIES** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. For ages 2-5 and parents. Enjoy stories and rhymes and bring along pajamas, blankets and stuff animals. No registration is required. Call 432-6140.

• **BOOKS AND BABIES** at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Rd., Hudson) every Thursday at 11 a.m. Children up to 18 months and their caregivers can attend. Visit www.rodgerslibrary.org.

• **CHILDREN'S STORYTIME** for ages 4-6 once a month at The Book Cellar, 34 Northwest Blvd., Nashua, 881-5570. Three books are read, usually a mix of classics and new favorites. For dates and times, call 881-5570.

• **FAMILY PJ STORYTIME** for all ages meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us/library. Wear PJs and bring a favorite stuffed friend. Free and open to the public.

• **FAMILY STORYTIME** for all ages meets at the Concord Public Library on Wednesdays, and the second and fourth Saturday of each month, at 10:15 a.m. Registration is not required. Call 225-8670.

• **LUNCH BUNCH** at Pelham Public Library (24 Village Green, Pelham), Wednesdays, 11:45-12:45. Bring a lunch for stories, songs, crafts and activities. Call 635-7581 or visit www.pelham-publiclibrary.org.

• **INFANT STORYTIME** at the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry) Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This lapsit storytime will run for 20-30 minutes for infants up to 12 months old. No registration is required. Call 432-6140.

• **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE** is Thursdays, 10 a.m., at the Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. A lapsit storytime for infants up to 24 months and their caregivers, using rhymes, songs, puppets, finger plays, percussion, props and movement. No registration required.

• **MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME** at Pelham Public Library (24 Village Green, Pelham), Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m. For infants to age 2. Registration is not required. Call 635-7581 or visit www.pelhampubliclibrary.org.

• **NIGHT OWL STORYTIME** at Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford), on Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m. Recommended for ages 2-6 but all ages are welcome. Registration is not required. Call 673-2408 or visit www.wadleighlibrary.org.

• **OPEN STORYTIMES & PUPPET SHOWS** at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., tinyurl.com/nplkid, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Thursdays at 7 p.m.; and

Sunday at 2 p.m.

• **PARENT AND TOT STORYTIME** at Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem), Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Parents and 2-year-olds can attend this storytime for toddlers. Storytime for 3-year-olds is on Fridays at 9:15 a.m. Call 898-7064 or visit www.kelleylibrary.org.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem), Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. For children 4 and older, this storytime features music, puppets and movement. Call 898-7064 or visit www.kelleylibrary.org.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), Wednesdays at 1 p.m. For ages 4-6, each week will feature themed stories, songs and other activities. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **READ TO DIXIE** at Kelley Library, 234 Main St., Salem, 898-7064, kelleylibrary.org. Dixie, the READ therapy dog, visits the library to help children practice their reading skills on certain Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Guests can sign up for a 15-minute session by calling the library or stopping by the children's room.

• **REGULAR STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN** at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-0022, bn.com. Tuesdays at 10 a.m., preschool story time with Sarah; Fridays at 7 p.m., family story time with Kristen; and Sundays at 2 p.m. afternoon story time with Diane. All story times include arts and crafts projects.

• **SPECIAL SATURDAY STORYTIME** at Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. For ages 5-7, come for a themed story and craft. Registration is required. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **STORY HOUR FOR AGES 3 AND 4** at Pelham Public Library (24 Village Green, Pelham), Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. Registration is not required. Call 635-7581 or visit www.pelhampubliclibrary.org.

• **STORYTIME** at Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke St., Pembroke, 485-7851, every Tuesday (ages 3 and older) and Wednesday (ages 15 to 36 months). Both sessions are at 10:30 a.m. and include theme-related stories and a craft.

• **STORYTIME** at West Manchester Community Library, 76 N. Main St., Manchester, every Thursday, at 10 a.m. Call 624-6560.

• **STORYTIME** The Noggin Factory, 53 Washington St., Dover, 472-0012, nogginfactorytoys.com, holds regular theme-based story time events. There

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is also a craft and occasionally songs, rhymes and/or movement games. The events are open to ages 2 through 5 and cost \$2 per child.

• **STORYTIME AT THE MALL** at the Mall of New Hampshire (1500 S. Willow St., Manchester), on the first Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. One or more stories will be read and kids can make a theme-based craft. All ages welcome and registration is not required. Call 624-6550, ext. 335.

• **STORYTIME FOR AGES 4-6** at Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, on Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m., and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. Children will enjoy stories, songs, movement and a craft. This program is open to Milford cardholders and their families. Registration is required.

• **STORYTIME IN THE GALLERY** is held the fourth Monday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to noon, at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. This is a way to introduce preschoolers to art, as the stories relate to art. Recommended for ages 3 to 5, but all ages are welcome. See currier.org.

• **TODDLER STORYTIME** at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes and a free play period. No registration necessary. Call 654-2581.

Teen/tween events

• **TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE** at Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown). Join this national competition by filming a 30-90 second video that promotes the summer reading program and the theme of "Beneath the Surface." A winner is chosen from each state and can win \$275 and \$125 for the library. Call 497-2102.

• **TEEN COOKING CLUB** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry) on Thurs., Jan. 3, Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, 3-4:30 p.m. Learn to cook a variety of different foods. Call 432-6140.

• **HOLIDAY COOKING, CRAFT AND MOVIE AFTER-NOON** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry) Thurs., Dec. 20, 3-5 p.m. Visit the library for holiday food, art and a movie. Call 432-6140.

• **VACATION WEEK TEEN FILM** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Wed., Dec. 26, at 6 p.m. Visit the library for movie night. Call 589-4646.

• **LEGACY MAGIC TOURNAMENT** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Thurs., Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. Bring your Magic: The Gathering cards to the library for a tournament and a chance to win prizes. Register at tinyurl.com/nplteen and visit

PEER INSIDE THE POLE



Take a walk by marketing company wedu's office (20 Market St., Manchester) and check out four window displays representing the theme of "The Offseason – What happens at the North Pole the other 364 days." Once you have decided on your favorite window, go online to facebook.com/weduinc/app_374129202676058 to vote for your favorite. wedu has selected four local non-profits to connect to each window that will benefit from how many votes they receive. Pictured: One of the displays at wedu's office. Cory Francer photo.

tinyurl.com/nplmagic for tournament information.

• **E-READER SANDBOX** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Tues., Jan. 22, at 3:30 p.m., or Mon., Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a device to the library and learn how to download e-books and online audio books. Call 589-4600 or visit tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **OPEN MIKE NIGHT** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Fri., Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. Bring any style of act to perform at the library. Call 589-4600 or register at tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **DUCT TAPE ACCESSORIES** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Tues., Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. Learn to make duct tape into fashion. Call 589-4600 or register at tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **SCRATCH AND TELL** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Wed., Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. Show off or come to learn about projects that can be made using the Scratch software program. Call 589-4600 or register at tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **VACATION WEEK TEEN FILM** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Thurs., Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Visit the library for movie night. Call 589-4646.

• **PLAY DATE NH** invites youth age 12-18 to learn, play and enjoy new card, strategy and board games at area libraries. Semi-professional gaming geeks will be on hand to mentor new players in classic and modern games. See playdaten.com. Game days are hosted on the second Saturday of each month, noon to 4 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson, rogerslibrary.org, 886-6030).

• **ANIME CLUB** at Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown) Sat., Jan. 12, and Sat., Feb. 2, 10-11 a.m. For grades 5-8, draw, watch and discuss anime. Call 497-2102 or visit www.goffstownlibrary.com.

• **ANIME CLUB** for ages 12-18

at the Hollis Social Library on the last Monday of every month, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

• **ANIME CLUB** for ages 12-17 at Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. Discuss anime or manga series, participate in games and activities, and display your anime sketches in the teen room. Call 589-4612 or visit tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **ANIME CLUB** at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester. Meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Open to grades 6-12. Play cards, watch movies, discuss favorite characters, and draw. Call Kate Norton at 624-6550, ext. 335, or email knorton@manchester.nh.gov for details.

• **ANIME AND MANGA CLUB** at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Club for teenagers to discuss, watch and draw Japanese-style comics and animation. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **ANIME/MANGA CLUB** at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson) meets on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Call 886-6030.

• **BALLROOM DANCING** for ages 11-19 at Queen City Ballroom, 21 Dow St., Manchester. To sign up, email qnctybalrm@aol.com or call 622-1500. Visit queencityballroomnh.com.

• **BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR TEENS** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on the last Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. Each month will have a theme, but participants can choose the book. Call 589-4610, email teens@nashualibrary.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **BOOKS AND BITES** Talk books and eat food at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. A new

CALLIGRAPHY DEMO



Learn about the art of Japanese calligraphy from expert calligrapher Ryuho Hamano. Hamano has displayed his work throughout the world and will visit the West Manchester Branch Library (76 North Main St., Manchester) Friday, Dec. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m., and the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) Sunday, Dec. 30, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., to demonstrate the art form. Admission is free. Call the West Manchester library at 624-6560 and the Nashua Public Library at 589-4600.

theme each week. Call 589-4610, email teens@nashualibrary.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **CECILIA ENSEMBLE** High school-age section of the Peterborough Children's Choir is open to girls grades 9-12 who can meet for practice Mondays 4-5:30 p.m. at Peterborough Unitarian Church on Main Street. There are requirements for singing ability and self-motivation. Contact Maria Belva at 924-2055 or mariabelva@gmail.com. pchoir.org.

• **CHICKS WITH STICKS BOOK CLUB** Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, meets monthly on Thursdays, 3 p.m. in the AV Room. For grades 7 and up, this club invites participants to bring their current knitting projects, enjoy snacks and book discussions. New members and beginner knitters are welcome. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **FANTASY BOOK CLUB** held on the first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us/library. For ages 8-13. For kids who love reading fantasy books about dragons, magic, the future and more. Free and open to the public.

• **GEEKS R US ANIME CLUB** for teens at Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, meets monthly on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Keyes Meeting Room. Hang out and discuss your favorite anime or manga series, games and activities. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **JR. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, for grades 5 and up, on

the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. Children can help organize, plan and run special family, children's and summer reading programs. They can earn volunteer hours. Sign up at hollislibrary.org.

• **MONDAY NIGHT SCRABBLE** every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollislibrary.org. Join young adults for some fun rounds of this classic word game. Invite a partner. Bring a Scrabble board, if possible.

• **NH INSTITUTE OF ART** (148 Concord St., Manchester, 866-241-4918, nhia.edu) offers classes for high school students college credit. Prices vary depending on type of class and materials needed.

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD** meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollislibrary.org. For ages 13-18. Help the library plan programs, choose books and materials for teens, organize outreach, decorate the teen area, eat snacks and hang out with friends. Community service credit will be given.

• **TEEN COOKING CLUB** at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester, meets monthly on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Teens ages 11-18 are welcome to learn the basics of cooking, make their favorite dishes and explore new types of food. All materials will be provided. Club meets in the Winchell Room. Call 624-6550.

• **TEEN MUSIC CLASSES** at Music Together of Milford, 102 Elm St., Milford, on Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Advanced and

intermediates welcome to acoustic music class led by Amy Conley. Cost is \$10/session. Adults also welcome. Call 249-9560 to register. Visit amyconleymusic.com.

• **TEEN PIZZA & PAGES** at Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, meets monthly on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. For grades 5 and up. Enjoy pizza while discussing a book. Copies available on the teen display. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **TWEEN TUESDAYS** every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the meeting room at the Hollis Social Library. Choose from Fantasy Book, Game Club, Craft Days, Book Buddies, or do all four. Fantasy Book Club is on the first Tuesday of every month and designed for kids who love reading fantasy books. Books provided at each meeting for the following month. Game Club is on the second Tuesday of every month and includes Wii, board games and snacks. Craft Days are the third Tuesday of every month. Book Buddies is the fourth Tuesday of every month and includes planning story times and crafts for preschool children. Read at after-school storytime and family pajama time

• **WII DAYS FOR TEENS** at Hollis Social Library, every other Friday, 3 p.m., for ages 12-18. Snacks and drinks provided. Sign up at the circulation desk.

• **TEEN WRITERS** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Tuesdays, Jan. 15, and Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. Give and receive feedback on any style of writing. Call 589-4600 or visit tinyurl.com/nplteen.

• **TEEN WRITERS GROUP** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), bi-weekly. Check calendar for times. Learn about story development and listen to others' stories. Call 432-6140 or visit www.derry.lib.nh.us.

• **TEEN WRITING CLUB** at Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free-write for the first half-hour, then read aloud (you can bring in anything you've been working on at home for this part). Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **WRITER'S BLOCK** is a group of aspiring writers who meet up every Saturday in the Library Meeting Room at the Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square, Hollis. Call 456-7728 after 5 p.m.

• **YOU'RE FIRED** (Bedford, 641-FIRE; Concord, 226-FIRE; Salem, 894-KILN; yourefirednh.com) Friday Night is Teen Night and teen studio fees are \$4 (half off).

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Hubby is starting to become a slowpoke



Dear Tom and Ray:

I am 65 and not yet ready to become a “geezerette.” My husband is two years older, and although he may look like one, he is not a geezer yet either. Except when he drives in our university town, that is. He is making me nuts. We have a couple of four-lane main drags in our town with 45-mph speed limits. He drives in the passing lane at 35 with a beatific smile on his face.

Last evening, after taking my mother to supper and driving through the same residential neighborhood we always do, he drove 20 mph and commented: “That house really intrigues me. ... Hmmm, the utilities are marked there. ... That bush has bloomed twice this year.” I was tempted to jump out of the car. We were going so slowly that I probably wouldn’t have been hurt.

This issue is not a problem on the highway. He knows exactly how much over the speed limit he can go to not get ticketed. Once in eastern Colorado, he was driving 95 in my BMW. Just to show you the kind of guy he is, this car was his 40th wedding anniversary gift to me. One Saturday we were going to the farmers market, and I insisted on driving. When we got home, he said: “Well, you have an extra minute and a half. I hope you do something constructive with it.” Ouch. My husband is a professional guy and still runs a consulting firm, works out several times a week and volunteers in a variety of places. I just don’t want to drive with a geezer and have others perceive him as one! Help! — Gayle

TOM: I’ve got bad news for you, Gayle. Your husband IS a geezer. And before all you geezers write to us and complain, please note that we use the word “geezer” as a term of endearment. Like “knucklehead.”

RAY: My brother should know. He’s both. But on the geezer side, his average driving speed has declined from about 42.5 mph to 15 in recent years.

TOM: Well, some things change when you get older.

RAY: Like the age range for potential dates in your personals ad, which I see you’ve adjusted to “48 to 108.”

TOM: Well, I’ve noticed that at some point, my reflexes started slowing down. My eyes don’t notice things quite as quickly, and my brain and body don’t

react to them as fast. So, in the interests of self-protection, my brain has made me drive slower, so things feel manageable.

RAY: Yeah. I don’t think he made a conscious decision to slow down; I think his brain did it for him, because it was sending the message that driving faster doesn’t feel safe.

TOM: As long as I’m aware of what’s going on around me, and I’m not making a traffic hazard of myself (like by going 35 in the passing lane), it’s fine to drive a little slower.

RAY: So I don’t think you really want your hubby to speed up, Gayle. Even though he isn’t saying so, I suspect he doesn’t feel safe driving at normal speeds anymore. He even feels unsafe when YOU’RE driving at a higher speed, because it seems much faster to him than it used to.

TOM: Why is he fine on the highway? Well, my guess is that highway driving is easier for him. There are no turns in the road, no crossing or even oncoming traffic, no pedestrians, no parked cars, no bicyclists, no tree limbs. So it’s easier for him to maintain a steady speed without the distractions.

RAY: So if you’re convinced that he’s cognitively OK — and it sounds like he is, from the work he’s doing — and you’re convinced that he’s not doing this just to drive you crazy, then you want to check the basics and make sure his eyesight and hearing are where they should be.

TOM: If he passes those tests, then he’s

just entering geezerdom. Sorry, Gayle — it happens to all of us! Or at least those lucky enough to make it that far. In which case, you have two choices.

RAY: One is to take up meditation. That’ll help you learn to accept life at his new speed. The other is to do the driving yourself when you go out together.

TOM: He’s obviously developing a “stop and smell the roses” philosophy, and maybe you can sell him on the fact that he’ll be freer to enjoy his surroundings since you’ll be watching the road.

RAY: Right. That way, he can take note of ALL the bushes that bloom twice. And all the places where the utilities are marked. Good luck, Gayle. And don’t forget to breathe.

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband tells me I should “wiggle” my steering wheel when I take a curve because it gives you better traction, especially in rain or snow. ... Is this so? — Shirley

TOM: No. He’s trying to kill you, Shirley. Keep a close eye on him.

RAY: And don’t listen to his advice about how it’s quicker to use the elevator shaft instead of waiting for the elevator.

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Milford, meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For birth to 18 months. Bouncing rhymes, tickle songs and lots of movement. Older siblings welcome. No registration required. Call 673-2408 or visit www.wadleighlibrary.org.

• **BABY YOGA** at Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square, Hollis) Mondays, 10:30 a.m. For infants-18 months. Sign up online at www.hollislibrary.org.

• **BABIES AND BOOKS STORYTIME** Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610, Thursdays at 9 and 10 a.m. (ages 13-24 months); 11 a.m. and noon (up to 12 months). Through music and stories, parents can learn how to read aloud and develop their babies’ language and pre-reading skills. No registration is required. For more information, call 589-4631 or go to nashualibrary.org.

• **KINDERMUSIK CLASSES** in music and movement are offered at Kindermusik in Peterborough, kindermusik.com, for ages 1½-3.

• **LAPSIT PLUS** at Concord Public Library (45 Greet St., Concord) at 10:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, Dec. 20. Converse with other caretakers and learn more activities to try at home. For babies up to 24 months. Call 225-8670 or visit www.concordpubliclibrary.net.

• **LISTEN LIKE LEARN** is a holistic approach that involves listening, moving and singing to help students feel the rhythm of language, stimulate their curiosity, strengthen their ability to listen, concentrate, focus, and develop speech and auditory discrimination. Classes for children from infants to 5. Fee for 10-week session is \$180 per child. Call 769-9553 or email rahel@rahelmusic.com or visit yourchildsmusic.com.

• **LITTLE EXPLORERS** at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord, on third Wed. of the month, 10 a.m. Space workshops for ages 3-4. Visit starhop.com.

• **LITTLE MOVERS STORYTIME** at the Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., most Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., combines books, music and movement activities for children ages

2-5. No registration is required. Call 624-6550, ext. 328, for info.

• **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE** at the Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., 978-970-4118, is a series of nursery rhyme programs for children from birth through age 3. Big sisters and brothers are welcome. Takes place every Tuesday at 10 and 11:15 a.m. Guests are asked to choose only one session.

• **MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES** at Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord, for ages 6 months to 7 years old. Call 228-1196 or visit ccmusicsschool.org.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at the Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square, Hollis, 465-7721, Mondays at 2:20 p.m., and Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. This drop-in program is for ages 3 to 5 and includes stories and crafts.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at the Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., 978-970-4118, takes place every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 and older.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at the Tucker Free Library (31 Western Ave., Henniker, 428-3471, tuckerfreelibrary.org) every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. The storytime includes stories, songs and activities.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry), Mondays at 10 a.m. Story program for ages 3-5 and their caregiver. Take part in books, songs, stories, puppets and other events. No registration is required. Call 432-6140.

• **PRESCHOOL YOGA BUDS** Concord Recreation Department, 1 White St., Thursdays. Children along with their parent/guardian will share stories, songs and yoga poses to build self-awareness, coordination, cooperation and calmness. Call 225-8690.

• **TINY PEOPLE BOOK CLUB** at Kaleo Coffee, 83 Main St., Dover, 343-4139, kaleocoffee.com. The group meets every Wednesday, from 10 to 11 a.m., for fun reading activities.

• **TINY TOTS TIME** every Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us/

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• **TODDLER TALES** for children ages 2 to 3 with a parent/caregiver, at the Concord Public Library, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

• **ULTIMATE PLAY DATE** at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua (47 Grand Ave., Nashua). Free drop-in program offered Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Pre-registration suggested. Call 883-0523, ext. 215, or email FRC-NashuaPrograms@gmail.com.

Vacation Camps

• **BECK’S ARTS EXPRESS** 5 Pine St., Ext., Nashua, offers a vacation camp Wed., Dec. 26, Thurs., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Activities

are available for ages 7-14 and includes manga, clay and mosaics. Cost is \$45 per day. Students can take part in as many days as they choose. Visit artsexpressnh.com.

• **SEACOAST SCIENCE CENTER** 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, offers Trex 4 Tots for ages 3 ½-5 and Seaside Safari for grades K-5, Wed., Dec. 26, Thurs., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Activities center around nature and science. Cost is \$55 per day. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

• **YMCA OF GREATER MANCHESTER** offers vacation camps at its Downtown Branch (30 Mechanic St., Manchester, 623-3558) Allard Center Branch (116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown, 497-4663) and Londonderry Branch (206 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 437-9622) Wed., Dec. 26, Thurs., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 28. Prices vary by program and activity. Visit yogm.org.

• **CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** 6 Washington St., Dover is hosting a LEGO

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camp with LETGO Your Mind Thurs., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For ages 6-9, make a LEGO amusement park. Cost is \$130. Call 742-2002 or visit childrens-museum.org.
HILLCAT THEATRE is hosting a vacation camp at Hillsboro United Methodist Church (16 Henniker St., Hillsboro, from Wed., Dec. 26-Sat., Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The camp is centered around Will Ogmundson's musical *Shiner Watson*. For ages 6-18, the camp is geared to students seeking to gain experience. Cost is \$25 for Hillsboro-Deering Students and \$50 for other students.

CLUBS

Car

EAST COAST CAMARO CLUB meets on the third Sunday of every month at MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua. Visit mjwrrabbit.tripod.com and EastCoastCamaroClub.com.
GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB meets on the second Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua. See gatecitycorvetteclub.com.
LONE WOLFE CRUISERS hold a cruise night at Arnie's Place, 164 Loudon Road, Concord, on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. featuring the Cruiser's Choice Trophy, which honors the drivers' favorite car of the night, and the Arnie's Choice Trophy, which honors the staff's favorite car. The evening also includes raffles for prizes and a 50-50 drawing, from which half the proceeds are donated to local charities.
NH MUSTANG CLUB organizes special events. Call 533-0884 or email secretary@nhmustangclub.com or visit nhmustangclub.com.

NEW ENGLAND VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB meets throughout the year and sponsors events such as Thunderama. Call 859-7818 or 859-3491, email dseymour@tds.net or visit clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/nevt.
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF NH Autocross events throughout the summer at the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon. Cost is \$50 for nonmembers. Go to scnh.org or contact Dan Francis at 235-9521.

Gardening

NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION OF NH (224-5022, nofanh.org) offers workshops and classes on gardening and farming. Call 224-5022 or email info@nofanh.org.
UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (877-398-4769, extension.unh.edu) offers classes on landscaping, gardening and amateur forestry. See website for schedule. The Cooperative Extension's Family, Home and Garden Center also has an information line to offer answers to garden questions Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
BOW GARDEN CLUB holds meetings accompanied by educational programs on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (social time begins at 6 p.m.) at the Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road, Bow. Guests welcome. Visit bowgardenclub.org or call Lorraine at 774-3596.
DERRY GARDEN CLUB meets monthly in Derry. Call 432-7195 or visit derrygardenclub.org.
DUNBARTON GARDEN CLUB is open to anyone in the community interested in garden-

ing and beautifying the community. Contact Tom at 774-6636 or email tomgroleau2010@gsinet.net. Visit dunbartongardenclub.org.

GRANITE STATE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY meets first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry and holds regular workshops, plant and leaf sales and swaps. New members and visitors welcome. Call 887-3154.

HAMPSTEAD GARDEN CLUB meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead. Visit hampsteadgarden.org.

MERRIMACK GARDEN CLUB the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, 646 DW Hwy, Merrimack. See merrimackgardenclub.org or contact Chris B. at 880-3739.

NASHUA GARDEN CLUB meets the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 121 Manchester St., Nashua. New members are always welcome and the public is invited to attend for a \$5 fee. Annual membership is \$20. Visit nashuagardenclub.org.

NEW ENGLAND WILDFLOWER SOCIETY is at 508-877-7630 and newenglandwild.org.

NH ORCHID SOCIETY meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on second Saturday of each month at the Bedford Town Hall, at the intersection of Meeting House Road and Bedford Center Road. Refreshments are available and visitors are welcome. Go to nhorchids.org.

OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB email opecheegardenclub@yahoo.com or go to opecheegardenclub.com.

Hobby

ANIME AND MANGA CLUB meets at Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson. Meetings will involve book discussions, anime viewing, workshops. Visit rodgerslibrary.org or call 886-6030.

APPLE CLUB Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, meets on Wednesday at 7 p.m. This club will provide local user support for Apple products. User meetings feature product demos and discussions of technology as it relates to Apple computing. Visitors are welcome. Visit applepower-nh.org.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) meets on the last Tuesday of the month from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Call 624-6550.

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 - **MANCHESTER RICHELIEU CLUB** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Chateau Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. If you speak French, enhance your enjoyment of the language by becoming a member of this club. Call Walter Parenteau at 964-6925.
 - **MANCHESTER STAMP CLUB** meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Villa Crest Nursing Home, 1276 Hanover St., Manchester. Call Bob Dion at 625-5082.
 - **NASHUA CAMERA CLUB** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Nashua Presbyterian Church (1010 West Hollis St., Nashua) at 7:30 p.m.. Each month, there are three topics chosen for competitions. Entries can be submitted either digitally or as prints. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Visit nashuacameraclubnh.org or contact Carla Gannon at carla.gannon@gmail.com.
 - **NH FLYING MISFITS** radio-controlled flying club meets on the first Monday of every month at Goldenrod Drive-In Restaurant (1681 Candia Road, Manchester). Email nhfmrcc@gmail.com or visit www.nhflyngmisfits.org.
 - **NH FLYING TIGERS** radio control flying club meets the last Wednesday of every month at the B-St. Flying Field, 1 B St., or Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 W. Broadway, Derry. Visit newhampshireflyingtigers.org.
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 - **RADIO CLUB** Radio Club meets first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First Church of Nashua, 1 Concord St., Nashua. Go to n1fd.org.
 - **SOUTHERN NH FLYING EAGLES** club meets at their flying field in Merrimack throughout the summer. Meetings are open to the public. Visit snhflyingeagles.org.
 - **SOCRATES CAFÉ** second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Starbucks, 1111 S. Willow St., Manchester. Contact Marc Berthiaume at Socratescafeh@comcast.net.
 - **SOUHEGAN VALLEY BRIDGE PLAYERS** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wadleigh Memorial Library, Milford; newcomers always welcome.
 - **SOUTHERN NH RADIO CONTROL CLUB** on the second Tuesday of the month at Wagner Field on Old Landfill Road, Hudson. Visit snhrcc.org or email Wally Adaszczik at president@snhrcc.org.
 - **UNITED DIVERS OF NH** the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the YMCA in Manchester (30 Mechanic St.). Visitors are welcome. Visit udnh.org.
- Men's**
- **RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Community Health Services, 195 McGregor St., Manchester. Free of charge and all interested men are invited. Call 965-3573 or contact 965-3573
- Professional**
- **CONCORD YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** meets third Wednesday each month. Call 224-2508 or email rkinhan@concordnhchamber.com.
 - **IUGO** is young professionals and is by the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, nashua-chamber.com. No cost for membership. Go to iugonashua.com.
 - **MANCHESTER ROTARY CLUB** meets every Monday at 12:15 p.m. at Fratello's Restaurant (155 Dow St., Manchester). Visit manchestertoratory.org.
 - **MANCHESTER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK** meets monthly; see mypn.org.
 - **NEW HAMPSHIRE CREATIVE CLUB** is an organization of creative professionals such as graphic designers, photographers, illustrators, copywriters, desktop publishers, printers, color separators and other professionals in related fields. The club serves as a creative forum for networking and education in the advertising and visual communications field through a series of monthly meetings that include panel discussions, presentations and workshops. Visit nhcreativeclub.org.
- Toastmaster clubs**
- **AMOSKEAG BETTER COMMUNICATORS** every Wed. 7-9 p.m. at the Amoskeag Business Incubator, 33 S. Commercial St., Manchester. Email info@abc.freetoasthost.us or go to abc.freetoasthost.us.
 - **CAPITOL TM** Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Casey Family Services, 105 Loudon Road,

WHEN THE WORLD ENDS



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- **CONCORD TM** meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Red Cross Building, 2 Maitland St., Concord. Call 224-2468 or go to concord.freetoasthost.info.
- **CORE TM** meets on Tuesdays at noon at Felton Brush Co., 7 Burton Drive, Londonderry. Go to core.freetoasthost.net.
- **EXETER SPEAK-UPS** meets first, third and fifth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Stop & Shop Supermarket, second-floor conference room, 137 Portsmouth Ave., Exeter. Go to exeterspeakups.freetoasthost.us.
- **HORSEPOND** meets Wednesdays at noon at Northeast Delta Dental, Delta Drive. Call 223-1287 (ask for Joe) or email jkasper@nedelta.com or go to horseshoepond.freetoasthost.us.
- **MERRIMASTER** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon at Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. For more information, go to merrimaster.freetoasthost.com/index.html.
- **TM OF MANCHESTER** first, third and fifth Thursdays of each month, at 6 p.m. at VHG Labs Inc., 276 Abby Road, Manchester. See Manchester.freetoasthost.info.
- **SOUHEGAN SPEAKERS AND LEADERSHIP CLUB** meets on the second and fourth Wednesday at 7 a.m. at the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce offices on Route 101A in Amherst. Call 978-270-8158 or visit souheganspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org.
- **TOP OF THE TOWN CLUB** meets every other Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in Room 222 at

Manchester Community College (1066 Front St., Manchester).

- **WINNING SPEAKERS CLUB** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Windham Senior Center, 2 N. Lowell Road, Windham. Email club_visits@winning-speakers.freetoasthost.com or go to winningspeakers.freetoasthost.com.

Women's

- **BPW NASHUA CHAPTER** The Business and Professional Women group (bpwnashua.com) on the third Thursday of the month at 11:15 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua. The luncheon meeting includes a keynote speaker and networking. Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP is not necessary. There is a small charge for the meeting.
- **RETIRED WOMEN'S GROUP** at Prime Time, 195 McGregor St., Manchester. Fourth Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Call 663-6333.
- **QUOTA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB** meets fourth Monday of each month. Quotarians are known for service to deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech-impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children. Go to quotamanchesternh.org.
- **QUEEN CITY MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB** support group for mothers, grandmothers, guardians and expectant mothers of multiples, queencitymothersoftwinsclub.com, meets at Knights of Columbus Hall, Porter Street, Manchester.
- **WOMAN'S CLUB OF CONCORD** meets at the Chamberlin House, 44 Pleasant St., Concord. Go to concordwomansclub.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Workshops, seminars & events

- **MEDITATION RETREAT** at Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Fri., Dec. 21, 7 p.m.-Sun., Dec. 30, 3 p.m. The theme will be “Taming the Mind, Opening the Heart.” During the retreat, meditation, discussion sessions and other activities will be available. The fee is on a voluntary sliding scale of \$400, \$500 or \$600. Call 659-5456 for alternate pricing information. Email info@aryaloka.org or visit www.aryaloka.org.
 - **FAMILY FITNESS AND FUN** at the Green Street Community Center (39 Green St., Concord) Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m. For parents and children, get a full body workout that includes your baby or child. New mothers are welcome if they have received a six week postpartum clearance from their doctor. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents.
 - **DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP** at Southern New Hampshire University Portsmouth (231 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth) Wed., Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. “We Have to Talk: Managing Difficult Conversations” will be presented by Judy Ringer, the owner of Power and Presence Training. Early registration is \$175, including lunch and a copy of Ringer's book *Finding the Gifts in Daily Conflict*. Call 431-8560 or visit www.judyringer.com/calendar.
 - **BROWN BAG LUNCH** at the Women Supporting Women Center (111 Water St., Exeter) on the second Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. Meet new people and have conversations during the day. Prior registration is required. Call 772-0799, email info@wswwcenter.com or visit www.wswwcenter.com.
 - **HYPNOSIS FOR WEIGHT LOSS** every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. at the New You Center For Hypnosis (3 Webb Place, Suite 4, Dover). Price varies. Each participant will also receive a “home hypnosis session” on CD. Call 749-MIND. No walk-ins.
 - **NEW THOUGHT CIRCLE** each Thursday at the Women Supporting Women Center (111 Water St., Exeter), 9:30-11 a.m. Learn about new universal spiritual concepts with the Rev. Claire Houston. Admission is \$10. Call 772-0799, email info@wswwcenter.com or visit www.wswwcenter.com.
- Exercise/Fitness**
- **CARDIO BOOTCAMP RHT** Martial Arts, 68 N. Stark Hwy., Weare, 529-5425, nhkick.com.
 - **DYNAMIC STRENGTH AND FITNESS** 115 Northeast-

- ern Blvd., Nashua, 882-2348. Visit DynamicSC.com for more information.
- **FIT IT IN FITNESS** (4 Townsend West, Nashua, 589-9747, fittintraining.com) offers coaching for groups or individuals and nutrition information.
- **FIT TO BE TONED** (200 Elm St., Manchester, 505-0042, fittotoned.com) offers a boot camp class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a.m. It incorporates kickboxing into a fitness routine including core training, squats, lunges and leg conditioning.
- **FITNESS HIKING** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis), Mondays and Fridays, 9-11 a.m., through May. Participants should be in good condition. Cost is \$5. Call 465-7787 or visit www.beaverbrook.org.
- **GET FIT NH BOOT CAMP** has two studios, 167 New Orchard Road, Epsom, and 287 S. Main St., Concord. Offers classes Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays, including ladies-only classes. Sessions run for four consecutive weeks. To receive a free two-week tryout, email getfithn@gmail.com or call 344-2651 to reserve your spot, as space is limited. Visit getfithn-bootcamp.com.
- **GENTLE NIA** The Holistic Self Care Center, 12 Murphy Drive, Nashua, Mondays from 5:15-6 p.m. Nia is a sensory-based movement lifestyle that leads to health, wellness and fitness and draws from disciplines of the martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. It empowers people of all shapes and sizes by connecting the body, mind, emotions and spirit. To sign up, call 883-1490, email info@thehsccenter.com, or go to thehsccenter.com.
- **HULA HOOPS** fitness classes with Nicole Vincent. Email flashbackhoops@comcast.net or go to flashbackhoops.com.
- **JAZZERCISE** at the Manchester Jazzercise Fitness Center (32 Hayward St., Manchester, 624-9122, manchjazz.com) features 42 classes per week, including Jazz Lite (low impact), body sculpting and express classes (1/2 hour).
- **JAZZERCISE** the Southern NH Jazzercise at 28 Lowell Road, Hudson, offers 33 weekly classes in Jazzercise and body sculpting. Contact Cindy Robinson at 880-0887 or cindyjazz1@comcast.net. For other locations, go to jazzercise.com or call 800-FIT-IS-IT.
- **NLP ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** Next Level Performance (31 S. Commercial St., Manchester, nlpspeed.com) Offers classes strength, speed, agility, flexibility and injury prevention for athletes ages 11 and older on Mon., Wed.,

WHY WAIT?



Midnight schmidnight. Why stay up all night when you can celebrate in the middle of the day? The Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) celebrates the New Year on Monday, Dec. 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ring in the New Year with noisemakers, balloons and confetti. Children ages 1 to 7 are invited to this celebration, but registration is required; call 624-6550, ext. 335. Don't forget to make your resolutions!

Thurs. and Fri. Call 627-7500.

• NLP FITNESS BOOTCAMP

Next Level Performance (31 S. Commercial St., Manchester, nlpfitcamp.com) offers specific fitness instruction, nutritional coaching and training for improved quality of life. Thirty classes a week. Call 627-7500 for class times and dates.

• **OUTDOOR FITNESS BOOT CAMP** (fitnessonwheels.com, 234-9669) Fitness on Wheels at the Goddard School, 12 Tseneneto Road, Derry. Email tricia@fitnessonwheels.com for session dates and times.

• **ON THE MOVE FITNESS & CONDITIONING** (289-3088, onthefit.net) offers an Extreme Fitness Boot Camp, a Women's Fitness Boot Camp, Boot Camp Basic and Team Fitness Boot Camp.

• **PERFECTFIT** (perfectfitonline.com, 641-8297) fitness consultant and personal fitness trainer Dave Soucy offers small group classes featuring circuit training with full-body movements.

• **PILATES MAT** at Yoga & More (505 W. Hollis St., Suite 106, Nashua, 889-1121, yogaandmorenh.com) on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Learn the fundamentals of the Pilates technique as taught by founder Joseph Pilates. Drop-in fee is \$15.

• **CONCORD PILATES** (2 Pillsbury St., Suite 302, Concord, 369-0550, ConcordPilates.com) classes are Monday at 5 p.m., Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 9 a.m., Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. First week costs \$20.

• **PILATES** by Deerfield Parks and Rec., Studio 59 at the George B. White Building, 8 Raymond

Road, on Wed. and Fri. at 10 a.m. Visit townofdeerfieldnh.com or email dfldparks@townofdeerfield.com or call 463-8811, ext. 305.

• **PILATES** Martial Arts, 68 N. Stark Hwy., Weare. Call 529-5425.

• **PILATES NH** and Yoga, 76 Route 101A, Amherst. Classes will be held Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. and Mondays 8:15-9:15 a.m. To register call 562-7525.

• **RTH MARTIAL ARTS AND WELLNESS**, 68 N. Stark Hwy., Weare, 529-5425, offers health and wellness classes including zumba, yoga, pilates, yang tai chi chuan and more. Go to nhkick.com.

• **SAGE WELLNESS CENTER AND SPA**, 175 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield, offers massage therapy, yoga, pilates and other health and wellness techniques. Call 435-7711 or visit www.sagewellness-centerandspa.com.

• **STRAFFORD COUNTY YMCA** fitness classes including kickboxing, cardio combo and conditioning combo, at the Strafford County YMCA at 63 Lowell St., Rochester. Contact Brent Diesel at 332-7334 or bdiesel@gmfymca.org.

• **TOTAL IMAGE PERSONAL TRAINING**, 83 Hanover St., Fourth Floor, Manchester will offer TI Surf beginning in January. The program will use SurfSet Fitness. Call 860-6275 or visit www.totalimagept.com.

• **TRADITIONAL NIA** The Holistic Self Care Center, 12 Murphy Drive, Nashua, Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. Nia is a sensory-based movement lifestyle that leads to health, wellness and fitness and draws from disciplines of the martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. It empowers people

of all shapes and sizes by connecting the body, mind, emotions and spirit. To sign up, call 883-1490, email info@thehscenter.com, or go to thehscenter.com.

• **TRAINING EFFECTS NH** (434-9281, trainingeffectsnh.com) in Londonderry offers group boot camp program to promote cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, flexibility and balance. Meets Friday at 9:30 a.m.

• **WELLNESS CENTER CLASSES** WellSpace New Hampshire, 633 Maple St., Hopkinton. Offering fitness classes of all levels, tai chi for arthritis and qigong, strength training, boot camp, yoga, personal training, mindful meditation, children's dance classes and nutrition & weight loss programs. Call Jane Sullivan-Durand, MD, founder of WellSpace NH at 746-4626 or Ami Sarasvati at amisarasvati@yahoo.com.

• **WINTER TRAIL ADVENTURES** are offered through the Concord Parks and Recreation Department on Saturdays, Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. Hike or snowshoe through a variety of trails in the Concord area. Adult cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Cost for youth participants is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Ages 10 and under are free. Call 225-8690 or visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

• **YMCA** of Greater Manchester offers a wide variety of fitness classes. Visit manchesterymca.org or call 623-3558.

• **ZUMBA** Mon. and Thurs. at 5:30 p.m., Tues. at 5:45 p.m., first class free, at Royal Palace Dance Studio, 167 Elm St., Manchester, RoyalPalaceDance.com.

• **ZUMBA** McConnell Center Gym in Dover offers classes every Wed. 7-8 p.m., Sat. 9-10 a.m. and Sun. 10-11 a.m. A 6-week session costs \$30 for Dover residents (\$35 for non-residents). Drop-ins are also welcome. New classes start every 6 to 7 weeks. Zumba is a fun and easy dance-fitness program designed for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Contact the Dover Rec Center at 516-6401 or the instructor, Diana Post, at 969-6413.

• **ZUMBA** at Kaleo Coffee, 83 Main St., Dover, 343-4139, every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Diana Post is the instructor for this weekly class. Drop-in fee is \$5 per person.

• **ZUMBA FITNESS DANCE CLASSES** at Queen City Ballroom (21 Dow St., Manchester) on Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. For all fitness and experience levels. Prior registration is not required and the drop in rate is \$5 in December. Call 545-2708 for

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The way of the Buddha

Aryaloka invites visitors to learn how to meditate in Buddhist tradition

By Cory Francer
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Between two domes that emerge from a dirt road in the woods in Newmarket is a sign reading Meditation Lane. A walk down Meditation Lane leads to the Aryaloka Buddhist Center, the first Triratna Buddhist Community Center in the United States.

The center came to New Hampshire in 1985, introducing Granite Staters to the Triratna Buddhist Community, a tradition first developed in England. Now, nearly 30 years later, experienced Buddhists and those looking for a new life direction have sought peace, tranquility and a spiritual community at Aryaloka.

“Some come because they have heard about Buddhism and want to learn more,” center administrator Dh. Vihanasari said. “Some come because they may be going through a hard time and are looking for a way to cope.”

For someone curious about experiencing Aryaloka for the first time, Vihanasari said visiting the center on Tuesday evenings is a

good way to start. For these Friends Nights, the center is open to the public from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m., with two different meditation sessions followed by discussion groups focused on incorporating Buddhist teachings into everyday life.

New visitors to Aryaloka are encouraged to join in the guided meditation sessions, led by a more experienced member of the community. For those more familiar with the practice, an independent meditation session is offered.

Vihanasari said meditation is a central part of Buddhist life and there are two different types that visitors to Aryaloka can experience. One form of meditation focuses on the mindfulness of breathing, which Vihanasari said helps develop concentration.

The other form, Vihanasari said, develops compassion. Mettabhavana, also called loving kindness meditation, is about focusing one’s thoughts on wishing loving kindness outward into the world.

Dh. Bodhana, the kitchen manager at Aryaloka and a Buddhist for 20 years, said either form of meditation can be a good

place for a new Aryaloka visitor to start with.

“Some people do tend to gravitate to one or the other,” he said. “It’s a personal preference.”

Vihanasari said that many people when first expressing an interest in Buddhism are curious about the aspect of a god. She said Buddhists do not worship a creator god and also do not worship the Buddha.

“We offer reverence to the Buddha and the Buddha’s teachings,” Vihanasari said. “We offer reverence to the fact that he discovered this.”

In addition to Friends Night , Aryaloka hosts musical performances and weeklong retreats and extends outreach programs to other local religious organizations, schools and prisons.

Aryaloka’s next event is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 1. To start the New Year, Aryaloka will host a Meditate for Peace Day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be meditations on the hour with guided meditations at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 3 p.m.

While many visitors who walk down Meditation Lane are experienced Buddhists



The main shrine room at Aryaloka Buddhist Center. Cory Francer photo.

Aryaloka Buddhist Center Meditate for Peace Day

Where: 14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket
When: Tuesday, Jan. 1, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Visit: aryaloka.org.

and some are just starting down this path, Vihanasari said the togetherness of Aryaloka is extended to anyone who comes in.

“There’s a sense of spiritual community,” she said. 🌸

Monday information, 341-2514 for Thursday information

• **ZUMBA GOLD** with Ginger Kozlowski on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m. Tuesday classes at the old Bedford Town Hall (3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford), Wednesday at Hooksett Town Hall (35 Main St., Hooksett) and Thursday at Mill-A-Round Dance Center (250 Commercial St., Manchester). Classes cost \$7 at the door, with the first class free. Email apljacker@gmail.com or visit ginger.kzumba.com.

MISCELLANEOUS Fundraisers

• **PATRIOTS CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME** at Londonderry High School (295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry) Sat., Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. Former New England Patriots players, including Patrick Pass and Ronnie Lippett will play in the game and afterward, will be available for photos and autographs. The suggested donation of \$10 will benefit programs supported by the Londonderry High School Boosters.

• **SNOWSHOE FRISBEE GOLF** at the Massabesic Audubon Center (28 Audubon Way, Auburn) Sat., Jan. 26 and Sat., Feb. 9, with tee times at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. On Jan 26, visit the center for a practice session and then return on Feb. 9 for a fundraising tournament. Practice

session is \$5 per person and the tournament is \$15 per person. Call 668-2045 or visit nhaudubon.org.

Holiday

• **HOLIDAY MARKET** at Brady Sullivan Plaza (1000 Elm St., Manchester) on Thurs., Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Visit with crafters, artisans and bakers. Visit www.intownmanchester.com.
• **CHRISTMAS EVE ON THE OVAL** at the Milford Oval (Union Square, Milford) Mon., Dec. 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Visit downtown Milford for a Christmas carol service. Refreshments will be available. Call the Light of the World Christian Church at 673-9324 or the Burns Hill Christian Fellowship at 673-7301.

• **PHYZGIG FESTIVAL SOUTH** at the West End Studio Theatre (959 Islington St., Portsmouth) Wed., Dec. 26, through Sun., Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. The festival is family-oriented and features magic and vaudeville style acts. Tickets are \$15. Call 436-6660, email info@pontine.org or visit www.pontine.org.

Other

• **GOODWILL GRAND OPENING** at the Goodwill Portsmouth location (720 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth) Thurs., Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. Come for a ribbon cutting, door prizes and raffles. Visit www.goodwillnne.org.
• **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** at

the Bedford Historical Society (24 N. Amherst Road, Bedford) Fri., Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-noon. Visit the museum to learn about the Stevens-Buswell Community Center and sample the Stevens-Buswell blend of coffee from CQ Roasters. Admission is free and visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Call 471-6336 or www.bedfordhistoricalnh.org.

• **WORLD MEDITATION** at the Holistic Self Care Center (12 Murphy Drive, Nashua) Fri., Dec. 21, noon-1 p.m., and 6-7 p.m. Join the meditation for peaceful thoughts to begin the new year. Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$5. Call 883-1490, email info@thehsc-center.com or visit thehsc-center.com.

• **E-READER TRAINING** at Tucker Free Library (31 Western Ave., Henniker) Wed., Dec. 26, Thurs., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the library to learn how to download books to an e-reader. Call 428-3471 or visit www.tuckerfreelibrary.org.

• **JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION** at the West Community Branch Library (76 Main St., Manchester) Fri., Dec. 28, 10-11 a.m. Ryuho Hamano will demonstrate the art of Japanese calligraphy. Call 624-6560.

• **PEACE VIGIL** in Market Square, Portsmouth, Mon., Dec. 31, 6-7 p.m. Bring a candle for

a vigil promoting world peace. Sponsored by Seacoast Peace Response and NH Veterans for Peace. Call 664-2736, email amyla44@juno.com or visit www.seacoastpeaceresponse.org.
• **MEDITATE FOR PEACE DAY** at Aryaloka Buddhist Center (14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket) Tues., Jan. 1, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Meditation sessions will be held every hour on the hour, except at noon, when there will be a lunch. Guided sessions are scheduled for 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 3 p.m. Call 659-5456 or visit aryaloka.org.

• **MT. WASHINGTON PROGRAM** at Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Tues., Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. Eric Pinder will be visiting the library to discuss the seven years he lived and worked at the Mt. Washington Observatory. Part of the library’s Life at the Top series. Admission is free, but prior registration is required. Call 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

• **WINTER MYTHS** at Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Mon., Jan. 14 and Mon., Jan. 28, 1-2:30 p.m. Nancy Baker will present “Ruler of the Inverted Year: Mythological Tales of Winter and Dormancy.” Admission is free and registration is available by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visiting www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

• **MT. KILIMANJARO PROGRAM** at Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Tues., Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. “Kilimanjaro - Journey to the Roof of Africa,” will be presented by photographer Peter Christoph. He will discuss his ascent to the summit and display his photos. Admission is free, but prior registration is required. Call 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

• **TEA SNIFFING CONTEST** at Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary’s Way, Hooksett) Thurs., Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Sniff an unmarked tea and see if you can match it correctly to its name. Prizes may be available to winners. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

• **A PICTURE WORTH 1,000 WORDS - RELAXATION TECHNIQUES USING YOUR MIND** at Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary’s Way, Hooksett) Tues., Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. Learn to use imagination exercises to help handle stressful moments. Presented by the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

• **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Hooksett Library (31 Mount Saint Mary’s Way, Hooksett) Thurs., Jan. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Local vendors will be at the library with items geared toward women. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

• **COMMUNITY HU CHANT** on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn (2280 Brown Ave., Manchester). Call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

• **ECKANKAR WORSHIP SERVICE** on the second Sunday of the month at 11 a.m., at the Holiday Inn (2280 Brown Ave., Manchester). Call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

MUSEUMS & TOURS Exhibits

• **NASHUA TRADE CARDS EXHIBIT** at Nashua City Hall (229 Main St., Nashua), on display through Dec. 31 in the Nashua Historical Society case. The exhibit features trade cards from Nashua businesses that have been collected throughout the city’s history. City Hall is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There is no charge to view the display.
• **VOICES ON THE FRONT: NH AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR** is on view at the NH Historical Society’s museum at 6 Eagle Square, Concord, through Dec. 31. Admission is \$5.50 (\$3 for children). Call 856-0604.

• **NH MINERAL DISPLAY** at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) Wed., Jan. 2 through Tue., Jan. 15. Nearly 300 minerals will be on display from the collection of resident Tom Mortimer. The library is open Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m.- 56 ▶

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in the Speare Museum of the Nashua Historical Society features nearly 250 political items drawn from the Republican National Conventions of 1988 in New Orleans and 2008 in Minneapolis-St. Paul. The exhibit will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment some Saturdays. Call 883-0015.

• GOV. JOHN LANGDON

HOUSE in Portsmouth is a national historic landmark featuring a Georgian mansion where John Langdon resided. Open Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6. Call 436-3205.

• HISTORICAL ROOMS

at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), Thursdays, 1:30-6 p.m. Operated by the Wilton Historical Society, the rooms house many artifacts from the town's history.

• JOHN PAUL JONES HOUSE

in Portsmouth features artifacts from the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1905 and from John Paul Jones, an American naval hero. Open 7 days a week, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6. Call 436-8420.

• LEGO MILLYARD PROJECT

representing Manchester's downtown and Amoskeag Millyard as they might have looked circa 1900, on display at SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400), open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., see-sciencecenter.org. This 55-to-1 scale model is the largest permanent Lego installation at miniature scale in the world.

• MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

holds open houses the second weekend of each month, April through December, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Historical Society is in the Carey House at 6 Union St., Milford. Admission is free. Go to milfordnhhistory.org.

• MOFFATT-LADD HOUSE

& GARDENS in Portsmouth is a national historic landmark. The house is furnished as it was in 1763. Tours go for an hour and are held Mon. through Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. House and garden tours cost \$6. Call 436-8221 or go to moffattladd.org.

• NEW ENGLAND SYNTHESIZER MUSEUM

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A LITTLE FISHY



A little snow and ice will never hold a true angler from a good fish story. The Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) is hosting a series of fishing lectures throughout January, beginning Thursday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Jim Norton, a licensed New Hampshire fishing guide, will be at the library to talk about the three days he spent in a drift boat on the Missouri River fishing in Idaho and Montana. Come one hour early for fishing videos and demonstrations. Admission is free. Call 589-4600 or visit nashualibrary.org. Pictured: An image from Jim Norton's travels through Idaho and Montana. Courtesy photo.

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• CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

at locations throughout New Hampshire on Sat., Dec. 29. For all locations visit birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count. After the bird count the Nashua Chapter will host a dinner at the Lawrence Barn (28 Depot Road, Hollis). Call 429-2537 or email rbielawski@mac.com.

• FISHING LECTURES

at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Thursdays, Jan. 3-24, at 7 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free events include "Fishing Idaho and Montana," "Saltwater Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned," "Fly Fishing in the White Mountains," "Ice Fishing in New Hampshire" and an intro to fly tying. Call 589-4670 or visit nashualibrary.org.

• BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION

at the Massabesic Audubon Center (28 Audubon Way, Auburn) Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-noon. Learn about bird banding through the capture and release system. Admission is free. Call 668-2045.

• THE NATURE CAFE

at the Massabesic Audubon Center (28 Audubon Way, Auburn) Fri., Jan. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. Maria Noel Groves of Wintergreen Botanicals will teach about how evergreen trees can be used in winter for home remedies. Make your own cup of pine needle tea. Admission is \$5. Call 668-2045.

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• USS ALBACORE

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• WARNER HOUSE

in Portsmouth is the earliest extant brick urban mansion in New England. Open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission price is \$5. Call 436-5909 or go to warnerhouse.org.

Tours

• CLYDESDALE CAMERA DAY

at Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Hwy., Merrimack, 595-1202, budweisertours.com) on the first Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring a camera and pose for a photo with a world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale.

• EDUCATIONAL FARM AT JOPPA HILL

(174 Joppa Hill Road, 472-4724, Bedford) is a nonprofit organization operated exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes of increasing public awareness of sustainable agriculture. Farm tours are given daily to children and adults. Classes in sustainable organic agriculture and horsemanship lessons are available.

• PORTSMOUTH BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL

is a self-guided walking tour through neighborhoods where Portsmouth's black residents lived, worked and celebrated. Call 431-2768 or go to pbhtrail.org.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



Head outdoors for some winter birdwatching. For the 113th year, the Christmas Bird Count will be held throughout North and South America to help keep the Audubon Society keep track of bird health and population. There are 21 bird count locations throughout New Hampshire, which can be viewed online at birds.audubon.org/about-christmas-bird-count. After the count on Dec. 29, the Nashaway Chapter of the Audubon Society will host a dinner at the Lawrence Barn (Depot Road, Hollis). There will be a fee for the dinner.

MALS at the Massabesic Audubon Center (28 Audubon Way, Auburn) Sat., Jan. 12, 1-2:30 p.m., and Sat., Feb. 23, 10-11:30 a.m. Family program will include lessons on winter tracking and a snowshoe trek to track outside. Admssion is \$15. Call 668-2045.

• **RAVEN FEEDING** at the Massabesic Audubon Center (26 Audubon Way, Amherst, 668-2045, nhaudubon.org) every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Watch as feeders give the raven his daily meal. Free.

• **SHOREBIRDS FIELD TRIP** Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, 668-2045, offers regular field trips to look for birds at the shore. Costs \$15.

• **SNAKE FEEDING** at Massabesic Audubon Center (26 Audubon Way, Amherst, 668-2045, nhaudubon.org) every Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Watch the ball pythons eat lunch and even get to touch them. Free.

• **EVOLUTION OF BALEEN WHALES EXHIBITION** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-8043, ext. 12). Learn about humpback whales' ancient ancestors. Exhibition includes a life-sized model of Ambulocetus, the first whale ancestor, a video and three new toothed-whale skeletons.

• **OTTER ENRICHMENT** at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 11:30 a.m. Learn about river otters and watch as a live otter eats. Admission is \$15 (\$12 for ages 65+, \$10 for ages 3-15, free for 2 and

younger). Call 968-7194 or visit www.nhnature.org.

Gardening/farming

• **NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION OF NH** (224-5022, nofanh.org) offers workshops and classes on gardening and farming. Call 224-5022 or email info@nofanh.org.

• **UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** (877-398-4769, extension.unh.edu) offers classes on landscaping, gardening and amateur forestry. See website for schedule. The Cooperative Extension's Family, Home and Garden Center also has an information line to offer answers to garden questions Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Gardening/farming clubs

• **GARDENING FOR PEACE** at Herbal Living (242 Gen. Miller Hwy., Temple, 878-0459, herban-livingbandb.com) on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

• **GOFFSTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB** holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Middle School (41 Lauren Lane, Goffstown). Visit gardencentral.org/nhfgc/gcgc.

• **GRANITE STATE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY** meets first Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (except January and July) at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 Broadway, Derry, and holds regular workshops, plant and leaf sales, and swaps. New members and visitors welcome; call 887-3154.

• **HAMPSTEAD GARDEN**

CLUB holds meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hampstead Congregational Church (61 Main St., Hampstead). Visit hampsteadgarden.org.

• **HOOKSETT GARDEN CLUB** is holding programs open to the public at the Hooksett Public Library (1701B Hooksett Road, Hooksett) on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Visit nhclubs.esiteasp.com/hooksettgardenclub.

• **MERRIMACK GARDEN CLUB** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church, 646 DW Highway, Merrimack. See merrimackgardenclub.org or contact Chris B. at 880-3739.

• **NASHUA GARDEN CLUB** (nashuagardenclub.org) holds meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church (121 Manchester St., Nashua). The public can attend meetings for a \$5 fee. Annual membership is \$20.

• **NH ORCHID SOCIETY** meets 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on second Saturday of each month at the Bedford Town Hall, at the intersection of Meeting House Road and Bedford Center Road. Refreshments are available and visitors are welcome.

• **NH ROSE SOCIETY** (newhampshirerosesociety.org) meets at locations in southern NH, including the Bedford Library.

• **OPECHEE GARDEN CLUB** is online at opecheegardenclub.com.

Hiking, hikes & walks

• **NATURE WALKS** Join NH Audubon's Nashaway Chapter for morning adventure walks at Ponemah Bog in Amherst. Bring binoculars and bug spray, and wear shoes you don't mind getting wet. Free and open to the public. The entrance to the bog is on Rhodora Drive, off Stearns Road, which runs between Boston Post Road and Route 122, just north of Route 101A in Amherst. Contact Jack Gleason at 673-3177 or jgleason10@netzero.net. Visit nhaudubon.org/sanctuary_amhe.php.

Outdoors

• **BEAR-PAW ANNUAL MEETING** at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy (907 First NH Turnpike, Northwood) Sat., Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The day will start with a business meeting, followed by naturalist presentations, a lunch and outdoor activities. Call 463-9400, email info@bear-paw.org or visit www.bear-paw.org.

• **GPS RENTALS** every Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., at Peabody Mill Environmental Center in Amherst. Cost is \$10.

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• **MANCHESTER CEDAR SWAMP** conservatory area on Hackett Hill Road in Manchester offers a 602-acre ecological preserve with established trails. Follow Hackett Hill Road to Countryside Boulevard and watch for the trailhead.

• **MCLANE CENTER** (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 224-9909, newhampshireaudubon.org) offers trails for hiking and searching out wildlife.

• **PRIMITIVE SKILLS WORKSHOP** is offered on the third weekend of every month at MyoFu An Dojo, 159 Savage Road, Milford, taught by a master tracker from Tom Brown School with 25 years of experience. Includes training in basic survival skills such as finding and making emergency shelter, making fire, purifying water and gathering food. Call 785-6440.

• **WHITE PARK POND** (Washington and White streets in Concord, onconcord.com/recre) offers a tree trail — see map online.

Photography

• **MASSABESIC AUDUBON CENTER** (26 Audubon Way, Auburn, 668-2045, nhaudubon.org) occasionally offers classes on nature photography and nature writing.

• **OUTDOOR DIGITAL PHOTO CLASSES** at Silver Hills Studio from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Learn to take quality photographs with a digital camera through classroom introduction and 2 hours of hands-on shooting in the natural landscape followed by constructive critique. Cost is \$25. To sign up, visit silverhillsstudio.com or call 497-4674.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Biking/races

• **GRANITE STATE WHEELMEN** (granitestatewheelmen.org) is a recreational biking club offering rides for all levels ages 18+. Rides takes place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, as well as Mondays and Wednesdays after work. There are a number of leaders to guide small groups on rides of various distances and speeds on mostly back roads. Must wear a helmet. Call Cathy at 224-0346.

• **NASHUA CRITICAL MASS** is a celebratory event for cyclists promoting the peaceful existence of bikes and cars on the same

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road. There is a ride the last Friday of every month in Nashua. The course covers about four miles at a pace suitable for all ages and levels of experience. Critical Mass meets at 6 p.m. and the group departs from the parking deck on Factory Street at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact CMNashua@gmail.com.

• **NEW ENGLAND MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION** offers rides and opportunity to help preserve trails. Look for information on the southern NH chapter at nemba.org.

• **NH CYCLING CLUB** (nhcyclingclub.com) is an organization for people of all ages who want to compete in bike races. Membership costs \$25.

• **NOVICE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE** meets at the Trumpet Gallery (8 Grove St., Peterborough) Saturdays, 10 a.m. Led by Mike Teitsch, an expert mountain biker. Session is \$20 and two weeks advance registration is required. Call 924-9862 or email monaadisabrooks@gmail.com.

• **THURSDAY NIGHT TURTLE RIDE** at Dover Cyclery (12 Chestnut St., Dover) every Thursday at 6 p.m. The ride is a group ride for slower riders. It starts and finishes at Dover Cyclery. Call 617-3844.

Horseback riding

• **BLACKWATER TRAIL RIDERS** equestrian trail club for riders in the Blackwater Reservoir and the Kearsarge Valley area of Merrimack County meets last Thursdays of month at 6 p.m. Potluck snacks. Call 934-4081 before 9 p.m. or email hmhrid-er@mac.com.

• **HORSEBACK RIDING** Amherst Recreation and Walnut Hollow Farm will teach lessons in horseback riding, barn management, tack, grooming and more. Weekly lessons are available for adults. See amherstrec.org.

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Martial arts

• **ACADEMY OF HEALTH & MARTIAL ARTS** (Manchester Commons, 473 S. Willow St., Manchester, 626-5272; Lorden Plaza, 614 Nashua St., Milford, 672-1333, academy-martialarts.com) offers classes in tai chi and chi kung, as well as Chinese kung fu, kenpo karate, sparring, bagwa zhang and weapons, plus capoeira, the Brazilian martial arts.

• **ASSAULT PREVENTION/SELF-DEFENSE SEMINARS** are held on the first Thursday of every month at Terry Dow's Academy of Martial Arts (18 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 505-0048). Call Christina to reserve a spot. Visit fittoboned.com.

• **AVERILL'S MARTIAL ARTS** (3 N. Main St., Concord, 223-0300, averillsmartialarts.com) offers private and group classes in classical Chinese kung fu, chin na, aikido, tai chi and qi gong, as well as classes in kickboxing, grappling, mixed martial arts and boxing.

• **BUNJINKAN DOJO** (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 668-3181, Airyu@hotmail.com, bujinkandojo.net) offers personal instruction in martial arts.

• **COBRA KHAN'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY** (865 2nd St., Manchester, 623-5778) has a variety of classes for all ages. Current offerings include cardio kickboxing, women's self-defense, flex and stretch for senior citizens and Don't Be a Victim of Campus Violence for college students. There are group and private lessons.

• **THE HOLISTIC SELF-CARE CENTER** (12 Murphy Drive, Nashua, 883-1490, www.thehsccenter.com) offers classes in tai chi (beginner and advanced) and capoeira.

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• **HOUSE OF THE SAMURAI** (28 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-1445, www.karatenh.com) offers classes in classical martial arts for all levels and traditional weapons classes.

• **JAPANESE SWORD ARTS** classes at the Mullaney Center for Martial Arts, 54 N. Mast Road, Goffstown. Call 540-5316.

• **KENPO ACADEMY NORTH** (23 K Ave., Hooksett, 296-7218, www.KenpoAcademyNorth.com) offers karate and self-defense classes for women taught by women, as well as classes for men and for kids. Classes require a minimum of 10 students who commit to a six- to eight-week program.

• **MANCHESTER KARATE STUDIO** (24 Bridge St., Manchester, 625-5835, www.manchesterkarate.com) offers karate lessons for adults of all levels.

• **MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF TAE KWON DO** (Manchester YMCA, Mechanic Street, www.mstkd.com) is based at the Manchester YMCA and offers all-ages tae kwon do classes, as well as concentrated workout classes.

• **MLK SELF-DEFENSE ACADEMY** (323 S. Willow St., Manchester, 625-4655, www.mlksda.com) offers adult classes including Japanese jiu jitsu, aikido, adult black belt classes and more.

• **MORNING STAR MARTIAL ARTS** (102 Elm St., Milford, 654-7701, www.morningstarma.com) offers kenpo fitness classes for women called Warrior Woman, as well as arnis, a Filipino stick form of martial arts and a general form of martial arts.

• **MYO-FU AN DOJO** (159 Savage Road, Milford, 785-6440) offers classes in mixed martial arts, budo taijutsu, ninjutsu, jujutsu and tai chi. Also offers a free introductory class in "The Art of the Ninja" to new students.

• **RTH MARTIAL ARTS & WELLNESS** (68 N. Stark Highway, Weare, 529-5425). Taekwondo, hapkido, masala bhangra and Korean kickboxing.

• **SIFU WEST'S YANG-STYLE TAI CHI CHUAN** (10 Northern Blvd., Amherst, 483-1903, www.yangstyle.com) offers kung fu and tai chi at various levels and more.

• **TAEKWON DO** Master An's (270 S. River Road, Bedford, 627-7744, www.masteranstkd.com).

• **TAI CHI** (beginners) on Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Twelve-week program at Health Promotions, 279 Pleasant St., Concord. Instructor is Marcia Wyman. Contact Health Promotions at 230-7300 or email esainc@aol.com.

• **TAI CHI** Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m., at Zaanti Yoga, 51 Main St., Wilton, 654-3051, email info@zaantiyogastudio.com, or visit www.zaantiyogastudio.com.

• **TAI CHI** offered by Deerfield Parks and Rec., Studio 59 at the George B. White Bldg., 8 Raymond Road, on Sundays at 8 a.m. Visit townofdeerfieldnh.com or email dfldparks@townofdeerfield.com or call 463-8811, ext. 305.

• **TERRY DOW'S ACADEMY** (18 S. Commercial St.,

Concord, 591-6546, www.terrydowsacademy.com) offers classes in kenpo karate, kickboxing, jujitsu, tai chi and northern mantis kung fu, as well as personal training.

• **TOKYO JOE'S SELF-DEFENSE** (1338 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 641-3444, www.tokyojoeshooksett.com) offers classes in kickboxing, aikido, mixed martial arts and karate.

• **TOKYO JOE'S STUDIOS OF SELF-DEFENSE** (143 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 889-4165, www.tokyojoes.net) offers karate, mixed martial arts, tai chi, Thai kickboxing and more.

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• **TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS** at Nia NH and Yoga, 76 Route 101A, Amherst, 562-7525, on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Costs \$96 for an eight-week session. To register, call Denise at 886-8631.

• **TAI CHI FOR THE CURIOUS** on Mondays, 12:15 to 1 p.m. Four-week program at Health Promotions, 279 Pleasant St., Concord. Instructor is Marcia Wyman. Contact Health Promotions at 230-7300 or email nesainc@aol.com.

• **TAI CHI** Concord-area adults (18+) can join an aerobic exercise program that increases blood flow, relaxation and concentration. Meets Mondays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Call 225-8690 or visit www.onconcord.com/recreation.

• **TAI CHI** at Yoga & More (505 W. Hollis St., Suite 106, Nashua, 889-1121, yogaandmorenh.com) on Sundays, from 11 a.m. to noon. Drop-in fee is \$15.

• **TAI CHI FOR ADULTS** from Inner Peace Tai Chi of Concord at MainStreet Bookends in Warner. Call 224-5768 or email nesainc@aol.com.

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Runs/running/walks

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• **DODGEBALL** league at Greater Manchester Family YMCA for ages 18 and older. See www.gmfymca.org or call Chris Webster at 232-8632.

• **DODGEBALL & SOCCER** Concord-area adults can join a community dodgeball league or a community soccer league, hosted by the Concord recreation department. Both leagues are coed and for ages 20 and older. Dodgeball meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Heights Community Center; soccer meets Sunday afternoons. Call 225-8690 or visit www.onconcord.com/recreation.

• **FLAG FOOTBALL** at White Park (White St., Concord). For ages 18 and older, the league plays Sunday mornings 9-11 a.m. Games are 30 minutes and split into 15-minute halves. Register individually or sign up a full team. Call 225-8690.

• **MANCHESTER FREEDOM** women's tackle football team plays at West Memorial Field in Manchester. See www.manchesterfreedom.com.

• **NH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** (www.nhssc.com, 644-3570) offers coed recreational sports leagues for ages 21 and older in the Manchester and Nashua area. Winter sports include basketball, floor hockey, dodgeball, volleyball, bowling and indoor softball.

• **OPEN GYM** Green Street Community Center Gym, Concord, is open for pickup basketball games for ages 18 and older. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$3 per visit.

• **PICKUP BASKETBALL GAMES** for 18+ at Green Street Community Center Gym in Concord on Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-1:15 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$3 per visit. See www.onconcord.com/recreation.

• **VOLLEYBALL** Bow Recreation Department (2 Knox Road, Bow, 228-2222, www.bowrecrenh.com) offers adults a weekly chance to prove themselves on the volleyball court on Wednesdays, 8 to 11 p.m. throughout the year at Bow Elementary School. The program is free but you must fill out a waiver to participate.

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Winds blowing stronger than 100 mph, bear and moose sightings and lots and lots of ice were just part of daily life for Eric Pinder during the seven years he lived and worked at the Mount Washington Observatory. Pinder will bring tales of his experiences at the summit to the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. Pinder's presentation is part of the library's *Life at the Top* series, which will feature speakers throughout the month. The event is free, but prior registration is required. Call 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit amherst.lib.nh.us. Pictured: Eric Pinder. Courtesy photo.

Call Pete at 228-5227.

• **VOLLEYBALL** for ages 20 and older, offered by Concord Recreation Department. Co-ed league will have games on Sundays, 1-3 p.m., at the Heights Community Center, Concord. Contact the Concord Recreation Department at 225-8690 or www.onconcord.com/recreation.

• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE** at Nashua YMCA (nmymca.org) for women older than 18 has games Sundays 3:30-5 p.m. Registration is required.

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• **FRIENDS OF THE MANCHESTER ANIMAL SHELTER** seeks volunteers to help with dog walking, dog kennel cleaning, cat cage cleaning, adoptions and special needs. Training provided. Call 628-3544.

• **GREATER DERRY HUMANE SOCIETY** meets first Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Marion Gerrish Center in Derry (434-1512, derryhumanesociety.com). Needs help with phones, education, fostering and everything pertaining to the plight of cats.

VOLUNTEER

Animals

• **ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF NH** seeks adult volunteer help for cat and dog kennel cleaning on weekdays, 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Robin Ahlgren for volunteer orientation dates, 472-DOGS or laurie@rescueleague.org.

• **BLUE OCEAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE CONSERVATION** (143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, 431-0260, blueoceansociety.org) is seeking volunteers to help educate visitors at its marine touch tank, outside on the Isles of Shoals Steamship Co. dock (315 Market St., Portsmouth). The tank is open every day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Katherine Lanzer at 431-0260 or katherine@blueoceansociety.org.

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• **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** The Nashua and Manchester offices of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester have more than 300 children waiting for volunteers to be their mentors. Call Gail Norris at 669-5365, ext. 206.

• **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** of Manchester needs volunteers to serve as supervisors and instructors and to help with fundraising. Call Ken Neil at 669-5365.

• **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** of Souhegan Valley in Milford is looking for volunteers to help with special events and day-to-day programs. Volunteer opportunities include helping with the annual auction, the craft fair, golf tournaments and Renaissance fair. Call 672-1002.

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ents support groups in Laconia/Belknap County. Call 934-4885, email valkj@cfnh.org.

• **COATS FOR KIDS** at Anton's Cleaners (379 Amherst St., and 275 DW Highway South, Nashua) and Jordan's Furniture (327 DW Highway, Nashua). Drop off winter coats to be donated and any of these locations through Sat., Jan. 12.

• **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)** needs volunteers throughout the state to advocate for abused and neglected children. On average, volunteers spend 8-10 hours a month between visits, court, follow-up and report writing. Volunteers work with families, social workers, attorneys and judges to ensure a safe and permanent home for these children. After a careful screening and application process, volunteers receive 40 hours of specialized training and ongoing case supervision. Visit casanh.org, call 800-626-0622 or email speakup@casanh.org.

• **FOSTER PROGRAM** Lutheran Social Services Therapeutic Foster Program seeks foster homes for school-aged children. Call 224-8111.

• **GIRLS INC.** of Greater Nashua, a nonprofit organization that empowers young girls, needs volunteers to read, share talents in class, tutor or help with homework. Minimal training required. Hours vary. Call Jennifer Indeglia at 882-6256.

• **GOODWILL GOODGUIDES** and Child and Family Services of NH seek volunteer mentors to work with youth ages 13-17 who are at risk for making harmful choices such as dropping out of school or are at risk for delinquency. Mentors will act as role models helping youth to develop goals, finish education and con-

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• **MARCH OF DIMES NH** seeks volunteers to assist with events held across the state. Call 228-0317 or email nh634@marchofdimes.com.

• **MILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** seeks adults or high school students to teach either on a paid or volunteer basis. Volunteer credit can be applied to the Lions Club Service Award, Confirmation, National Honor Society or any other community service program. Contact Libby Wehrle-Anderson at 672-9876 or mmsenrich@charter.net.

• **NASHUA PAL BINGO** Anyone who can spare one Wednesday night per month to benefit Nashua's inner-city kids can volunteer at Nashua PAL Bingo. The dollars raised sustain the programs offered to kids at the Nashua Police Athletic League "Youth Safe Haven." Volunteers are welcome one Wednesday a month, or more if they'd like. Call the PAL Youth Safe Haven at 594-3733 or email nashuapalvolunteers@gmail.com.

• **PARENTING SKILLS** Information Center of NH will provide free trainings for volunteers who want to offer relevant workshops for parents of infants as well as of pre-kindergarten, early elementary, middle and high school students. These opportunities are ideal for teachers, parents and community members who want to contribute to their school com-

munity. No previous experience is required. Training is available for such workshops as Middle School/High School Readers, and Teachers Working Together, Bonding with Books, Pre-Kindergarten Literacy and Language, and "Making Reading Fun - Creating Your Own Books" for parents of preschoolers. Trainees will be provided with a training manual, PowerPoint presentation and all materials and handouts. Participants can learn more about these workshops and the training schedule by going to nhpirc.org/latestnews.shtml. Registration is required and can be completed at tinyurl.com/TTTRegistration.

• **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** needs volunteers for Young Athletes Program (for intellectually challenged/developmentally delayed kids from 2 to 7 years old). The group is looking for individuals with a preschool background. Visit specialolympics.com or call Rick Serodio at 624-1250, ext. 31.

• **SPIRALSCOUTS** Circle needs adult or teen volunteers who love the outdoors and working with kids. Must pass background check. Contact Jess Baribault, Granite Tribe coordinator, at 588-4219 or SpiralScoutsJess@yahoo.com. See SpiralScouts.org.

• **SOCCER REFEREES & COACHES NEEDED** for Concord Recreation Department's youth soccer league. Referees are paid \$10 per game. If interested, call 225-8690 and speak with Karen Billings.

• **TEEN ADVISORY GROUP** The Nashua Public Library is looking for teens to help develop young adult programs and the website. Meets at 4 p.m. on second Tuesdays in the teen section.

• **YMCA Manchester Family YMCA** is always looking for volunteers for fundraising, child care, sports, special events, etc. Apply at the front desk or call 623-3558.

Cultural organizations

• **CAPITOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS** is always seeking volunteers from the community to lend a helping hand. Call 225-1111.

• **CONCORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** to update and maintain website at concordhistoricalsociety.org. Contact John Hare at jhare@concordhistoricalsociety.org.

• **LITERACY VOLUNTEERS** at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester, 624-6550, manchester.lib.nh.us). ProLiteracy - Learn to Read at Manchester City Library will train you to teach an adult to read on a one-to-one basis. Call 624-6550, ext. 330.

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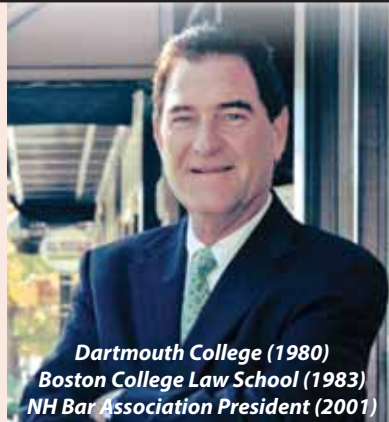
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LAND (1800 Elm St., Manchester, 369-3977, lungne.org) needs volunteers to help with its programs and special events.

• **THE CAREGIVERS INC.** in Bedford and Nashua provides transportation services for health and medical care needs, including transportation to Boston, Burlington, Mass., and Hanover for those who need medical care outside southern New Hampshire. Caregivers also provide a grocery service called Food for the Homebound. Volunteers are needed to help with transportation, carrying bags, reading labels and putting away groceries. They may also shop for individuals who cannot leave their home. Call the main office in Bedford at 622-4948 or the office in Nashua at 595-4502, or visit caregiversnh.org.

• **CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTER** (100 McGregor St., Manchester, catholicmedicalcenter.org, 668-3545) uses volunteers in a variety of departments and programs. Call for information.

• **CONCORD HOSPITAL** (250 Pleasant St., Concord, concord-hospital.org, 225-2711) uses volunteers in a variety of departments and programs. Call for information.

• **CENTRAL NH BREAKFAST CLUB EXCHANGE** is looking for new members. Senior citizens, health care providers or other business professionals who have an interest in volunteering time to make the community a better place for seniors to live. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in the organization. Contact Caroline Nigen at 623-7000 with questions or to RSVP.

• **EASTER SEALS NH** (555 Auburn St., Manchester, 623-8863, nh.easterseals.com) needs volunteers who can help with

fundraising campaigns, help out in the office, help with programs such as Alzheimer's Day or the child development program and to help organize and participate in events.

• **ELLIOT HOSPITAL** (1 Elliot Way, Manchester, 669-5300, elliotthospital.org) uses volunteers in a variety of departments and programs. Call for information.

• **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS LPN, RN, PA** or physicians needed at Beaver Brook Association at Maple Hill Farm, Hollis, for pay or in exchange for a free week of summer youth class. Contact Roisin or Celeste at 465-7787.

• **GREATER MANCHESTER AIDS PROJECT** (170 Lowell St., Manchester, 623-0710, mvap.org) needs volunteers to help with its mission.

• **HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE CARE** (22 Prospect St., Nashua, 800-887-5973, hhhc.org) is looking for people to volunteer their time to provide friendly visits to hospice patients in the Manchester and Nashua areas. Volunteers enhance quality of life by visiting hospice patients in a variety of environments, including homes, nursing home and assisted living facilities, hospitals and the Community Hospice House. Volunteers are also needed to help support families — in 2-3 hours a week, a volunteer might provide a friendly visit, assist with lighthouse work, do shopping and errands, etc. See hhhcvolunteers.org/volunteer or call 557-2806.

• **HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS** Allegiance Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients under hospice care in nursing homes in Manchester and Nashua areas. Volunteers are trained and are a valued part of

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• **MARCH OF DIMES NH CHAPTER** (22 Bridge St., Concord, 228-0317, marchofdimes.com/newhampshire) needs volunteers to help raise money for March for Babies, to help with its Signature Chefs Auction or golf tournaments and to take part in community programs.

• **MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF GREATER MANCHESTER** (1555 Elm St., Manchester, 668-4111, mhcgcm.org) needs volunteers to help patients and to help with upkeep of the facility. The center needs volunteers to provide child care at the center while parents are meeting with mental health professionals. Volunteers can also join a program that pairs them with people dealing with mental illness for weekly meetups to offer social interaction. Volunteers can also offer help with center events and fundraisers. Call Robin Sousa at 628-7706, ext. 4119.

• **NAMI NH** (National Alliance on Mental Illness New Hampshire, 15 Green St., Concord, 225-5359, naminh.org) needs volunteers to help teach "Family to Family" classes, to help with legislative advocacy, help with Mental Illness Awareness Week and help with the WALK for Recovery of Mental Illness. Call Annette Carboneau at 225-5359, ext. 25, or email acarboneau@naminh.org.

• **NH ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND** (McGreal Sight Center, 25 Walker St., Concord, 224-4039, sightcenter.com) needs volunteers to provide companionship, help with reading mail and writing letters, become a community driver and more.

• **RED CROSS** (redcross.org; Greater Manchester Chapter, 1800 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4307, redcrossmanchester.org; NH Gateway Chapter, 28 Concord St., Nashua, 889-6664, Nashua.redcross.org; Granite Chapter Office, 2 Maitland St., Concord, 225-6697, concord-redcross.org) needs volunteers to participate in disaster response, teach first-aid classes, help with blood collection and participate in its missions helping members of the armed forces.

• **RED CROSS** Nashua & Souhegan Valley Red Cross, 28 Concord St., Nashua, seeks volunteers for disaster team, fundraising support, special events, blood drives and clerical work. Call 889-6664, visit nashua.redcross.org or email cheryl@nashua.redcross.org.

• **SOUTHERN NH AIDS TASK FORCE** (12 Amherst St., Nashua, 595-8464, aidstaskforcenh.org) needs volunteers to help with office duties, events, outreach, transportation, the food pantry and some maintenance duties.

• **ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL** (172 Kinsley St., Nashua, stjosephhospital.com) needs volunteers in a variety of departments and programs. Call Cindi Levesque, volunteer coordinator, at 595-3044.

• **VISITING NURSE** of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire (1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400, Manchester, 622-3781, manchestervna.org) has a variety of volunteer opportunities including working with families who have members in hospice and families dealing with grief issues.

• **VISITING ANGELS** in the Manchester and Derry areas are seeking caregiver volunteers with prior experience in home caregiving, volunteer organizations and family experience. Visit visitingangels.com or call 483-8999.

• **YOGA Sangha** seeks volunteers who are interested in helping by acting as hosts and leaders for events. Email Margaret at margaret@whitemoutainsangha.org.

Outdoors

• **FALL VOLUNTEER WORK DAY** at the Squam Lakes Association (534 Route 3, Holderness), 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Meet at the association's headquarters and then help to clean up around the lake. Call 968-7336, email jennifermatrix@squam lakes.org or visit www.squam lakes.org.

• **CANTERBURY GARDENERS** Canterbury Shaker Village is seeking individuals or groups interested in helping to plant and maintain heirloom herb, vegetable and perennial gardens. These gardens and associated farm fields are used to help explain the rich history of the relationship between the Shakers and agriculture. Volunteers must be able to do some physical work outdoors in varying weather. Gardening experience is a plus, but not required. Training and tools are provided. In addition to adults, youth group, service learning and internship opportunities exist for students. Call Ruth Smith, garden program coordinator, at 783-9511, ext. 281, or email rsmith@shakers.org. Visit shakers.org.

• **CMARS VOLUNTEERS** The Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center Accessible Recreation and Sports program is accepting volunteers to help people with disabilities enjoy skiing and snowboarding. Contact Molly Hajjar at CMAdaptive@gmail.com or 831-3565.

• **DRAGONFLY SURVEY VOLUNTEERS** needed statewide, visit community.impact.com/p/nhaudubon/newsletters/nature/posts/become-a-sanctuary-steward.

• **FARM VOLUNTEERS** The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill in Bedford depends almost exclusively on volunteers. Training available by appointment. Must be age 16+ or have guardian or parent present at all times. Volunteers are needed for general farm maintenance tasks, farm animal care, office and administrative work, flyer distribution, house party hosting, gardening, outreach and education programming. Call 472-4724.

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HOLIDAY COCKTAIL COMPETITION



On Monday participating Manchester restaurants began serving seasonal drinks as part of InTown Manchester's holiday cocktail showdown. Visit participating locations i like J Dubs Coffee, Thousand Crane, Jd's Tavern and Firefly's American Bistro and Bar and sample such alcoholic and non, yuletide concoctions as the Grandma Got

er Latte, Sake Sangria, and Santa's Wintah Nippah. The entire field will be available for viewing at facebook.com/intownmanch, where drinkers can vote for their favorites. The competition, one of many, is a "fun way to get to people thinking about coming downtown, it's all about trying some of these drinks after shopping or on a night out," said InTown's Sara Beaudry. Call 645-6285.

beside the horse and rider to ensure safety, while providing support and encouragement. Barn help is always needed and on-the-job training is available. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, volunteer one hour a week for a minimum of six weeks, and be able to attend a volunteer training session. No previous horse experience necessary. Training is held at the UpReach barn, 153 Paige Hill Road, Goffstown. Contact Lauren at 497-2343 or email Lauren@upreachtrc.org. Registration forms are available at upreachtrc.org.

Seniors

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Camera tech moves the blur where you want it

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There’s been a lot of chit-chat about the mobile app Instagram: Is it ruining photography? The argument, as far as I can tell, goes like this: If just anybody can snap a picture and make it look awesome with a filter applied on a cell phone, then we’ve taken something away from the craft of photography. If it’s not difficult, after all, then where’s the challenge? Where’s the art?

I would argue that while Instagram and similar apps make taking one type of picture — vintagey, somewhat abstract pictures — easier, they don’t exactly lend themselves to large landscapes or capturing crisp images of fast-moving subjects. For that, you still need at least a good camera and some skill. And if you want one of those arty shots with some parts blurry based on how far from the camera they are, well, you’ll need serious chops, right?

Well...

There’s this camera called the Lytro. Its big claim to fame is that you can change the depth of field after the photograph is taken. Depth of field refers to how “deep” in the picture the point of sharp focus is. In a photo with both very close objects and very far objects, like a close-up of someone’s face in front of a mountain range, only part of the picture will be in focus.

Lytro, however, uses a magic woo-woo technology called “light field” imaging to measure the direction that light is coming into its sensor. That allows it to record everything in focus. Computer software lets you change the depth of field later, back in your swank photographic lab. Or your lap-top on your couch, whatever.

The camera itself sports an 8X optical zoom lens with an aperture of f/2. That gives it quick shutter speeds, so your fight against motion blur is made just as easy as the one against focus blur. A shutter button takes automatic shots, while more complex variations are controlled on a tiny 1.52-inch touch-screen: You can change the ISO between 80 and 3200 and alter the shutter speed between 1/250 second and 8 seconds.

Of course it’s not cheap. The version with 8GB built-in memory is \$399 at lytro.com; with 16GB, it’s \$499. The software also requires either Mac OS X 10.6.6 or the 64-bit edition of Windows 7 or 8.

Now, it’s actually been several months since this camera came out, so it was only a matter of time before someone figured out how to replicate the changing focus feature. Turns out all you need is a digital SLR camera that can shoot video and access to the Website dof.chaoscollective.org. They have you upload a video you’ve taken while slowly changing the focus of your camera from near to far (or far to near). It outputs a file that you can share in a browser and has a 20 x 20 grid of focusable areas.

Lytro has already introduced a new feature that might be a little harder to replicate: perspective shift. By dragging the photo around in the software, you can subtly change the angle of view that you’re taking on your subjects. This might just expose something hiding just behind the edge of a close subject, or hide something that mars the composition of your shot.

Either way, photography is ruined.

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Weekly Dish

Notes from the local food scene

By Luke Steere
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• **What's booking?** Like food and reading? Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102) has your medicine. Try out the What's Cooking Book Club that kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On selected Saturdays once a month, the club will meet for talks, tips and a tasting of a recipe from each book. Club members are expected to prepare their favorite recipe from the month's selected cookbook to share, socialize, swap ideas and savor the food. Register by calling the library, visiting goftownlibrary.com or emailing jessicas@goftownlibrary.com. January's selection is Mollie Katzen's *Get Cooking*, followed by *The Food You Crave* by Ellie Krieger and Betty Crocker's *Slow Cooker Cookbook*.

• **Hey, hey chili chefs:** Enter for your chance to shine in the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff. Home cooking enthusiasts and restaurant chefs will be competing for the best chili and chowders in several categories on Sunday, Jan. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Amherst Business Center (105 Route 101A, Amherst). Be one of them, get judged by food industry professionals, and hand out samples to loving audiences to earn cash prizes and bragging rights. Entrants should be prepared to serve 2-ounce samples for approximately 300, plus means to heat food. Electricity, table, chair and all paper products will be provided. Commercial or restaurant chef fee is \$25 and amateurs, \$15. This cookoff will benefit Opportunity Networks, a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding adults with developmental and acquired disabilities with employment opportunities. For entry information, call 673-4360 or email may@souhegan.net for information, including entry info.

• **Kimberly's new kitchen:** Formerly of Derry, Kimberly's Kitchen is now a member of the Nashua community (48 Bridge St.). In addition to relocating, Kimberly's is offering new services for her products, including a take-home dinner program, drop-off/pick-up work catering and Kimberly's Dinner Club. Statewide event catering for weddings, special events and more will continue as usual too. Call 943-7390 or visit kimberlycaters.com for more information. 78 ▶

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Has wassailing gone by the wayside?

Keeping the English tradition alive and well in 2012

By Luke Steere
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Anciently mysterious and seasonally familiar all at once, wassail is a sure sign that Christmas is right around the corner.

The simple term has evolved so much over the course of its history that you may have already participated in it: wassail, in verb form, means to celebrate around the holidays, be it riotous drinking or docile toasts to health. So, with what are we toasting? What are we drinking? Well, wassail, the noun this time, is a beverage long associated with the holidays, brewed strongly alcoholic with beer, wine or cider and served warm and spiced.

Going way, way back, wassail is from Old English, meaning "be in good health" or "be thou well."

More recently, although people still revel in merriment with alcohol, wassailing has fallen off, but it is still a tradition in a few places.

According to Bedford Library Director Mary Ann Senatro, the library has been holding a wassail since at least 1985, where they drink the hot beverage and listen to music or hold a play.

"During the late 1400s King Henry VII introduced the wassail bowl to England,"

Senatro said, reading from an old newspaper notice for the event. "The bowl contained a mixture of hot ale, spices and toasted apples.' We continue the event today... It is a great time for the community to get together. A lot of people use it as sort of a meet up with old friends. We get a lot of the same people returning and bringing new friends each year."

The Bedford wassail recipe, which is included here, features a fruity combo of cider, cranberry juice and oranges, spiced with sugar and cinnamon and then added rum and aromatic bitters, making for a warm, sugary drink. It's just one kind, however.

"Wassail is simply something that is brewed for the holidays, it's always a strong alcoholic drink, but it can vary," said the Woodstock Inn and Brewery's Garrett Smith.

When Woodstock Brewmaster Butch Case was looking for a winter seasonal beer, Smith said, he took from the wassail traditions, basing them around an English strong ale. They have been brewing the drink since 1996 and it remains one of their most anticipated and strongest beers.

"It's 8 percent [alcohol by volume] and is deep ruby red in color, very malty with a balance of hops. Being the holidays and looking for a stronger beer, we

The Bedford Library Wassail Recipe

4 gallons apple cider
4 gallons cranberry juice
6 cups granulated sugar
3 tablespoons aromatic bitters
16 cinnamon sticks
3 tablespoons whole allspice
4 small oranges studded with whole cloves (slit oranges with knife point)
1 quart rum

Put all ingredients in a large pot, or divide between two pots, cover and bring to a boil. Turn heat to low for four to eight hours. Strain through cheese cloth. Return to gallon containers. Keep cool for two days, outside or in fridge. Warm and serve with fresh orange slices in large punch bowl.

Visit woodstockinnbrewery.com and click 'Where to Buy' for locations carrying Woodstock Inn Brewing Company wassail ale.

added more grains," Smith said. "Our normal grain bill is between 350 and 400 pounds, but we add 700 pounds to give it extra fermentable sugars for a higher gravity."

People drink it cold, but Smith explained that serving it warm not only compliments the heavy alcohol content, but also the time of year. With such a brisk New England climate and darker evenings, Wassail



Ale has a cozy character, he added, that goes well with the family-oriented events of the season. 🍷

Hot chocolate heaven

Pros share the difference between good and great

By Luke Steere
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Hot chocolate has a way of making any winter-weary New Englander feel young again. With the chilly temps upon us, it's always a good time to visit the area's best hot chocolatiers for a decadent pick-me-up.

High-quality hot chocolate doesn't come from a machine or a microwave, says Jim Whitney, owner of J Dubs (1000 Elm St. No. 121, Manchester, 622-7944).

"Being a boutique coffee shop with high end products, we're always mak-

ing it homemade. If you walk into any of the chain shops, they put a cup under a machine, push a button and walk away. Here, each one is custom crafted exactly," he said. "It's just like grandma used to make, with steamed milk and Ghirardelli white or dark chocolate."

Added flavorings like peppermint and mocha are whipped into the frothy drinks right in front of the customers, and chocolate drizzles and whipped cream dollops can be added as well.

Milk is a professional's go-to; water is but a counterpart to powders, said Whitney.

J Dubs prefers flavored syrups and sauces. Steaming milk to about 170 degrees and then frothing it makes for a creamier, richer backbone for the chocolate to marry with.

Choice of such dairy — soy, almond, low-fat, whole, ect. — can affect the flavor, according to Stephanie Vinsler of True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776).

"It's a preference thing, if people want soy or low fat, but each has a slight difference in taste. Whole milk is the creamiest, and even people that don't have dairy issues will get almond for a little nutty flavor, and

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adding macadamia nut to that really brings out the flavoring,” she said.

At True Brew, the drink board is an ever-changing menu of inspirational drinks. Christmas brings out the candy cane with peppermint and chocolate and the Nick Nog, an egg nog-based white hot chocolate with caramel and butterscotch flavoring.

“Any of the flavor shots go well with it. Coconut is popular. My daughter’s favorite is butterscotch. Or we can go more cordial with Baileys or use special chocolate’s like Godiva,” Vinser said.

Their Mayan-style hot chocolate is spiked with chipotle. Peanut butter, hazelnut, pumpkin, cherry-lime, French vanilla or whatever you want, they’ll do. True Brew features a menu on their site truebrewbarista.com, but also will experiment on the spot.

“We do a lot of experimenting, but a lot of suggestions come from our customers. If we like it, we’ll add to the board,” Vins-er said.

Like J Dubs, its chocolate base is made by Ghirardelli, and True Brew uses locally sourced milk from Contoocook Creamery. But no matter what the ingredients, they always try to stock the freshest and best they can.

“Our philosophy is the better quality of the ingredients you start with, the better product you’ll finish with,” Vinser said.

Try it at home too with some local products. Swan Chocolates (436 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 423-5950) turns its gourmet chocolate into cocoa powder for



Jim Whitney of J Dubs monitors milk temp. Luke Steere photo.

at-home hot brewing. Flavors like peppermint, white chocolate, Mexican, dark chocolate or a special combo are available.

Van Cocoa Powder from Van Otis Chocolates (341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611) uses a signature recipe that makes ultra thick drinks with a hint of chili pepper. It also carries an additional hot drink accessory in its triple dipped-chocolate spoons, layered with milk, dark and white chocolate. They can be stirred into a cup of warm, frothed milk for a uniquely presented hot chocolate on their own or dipped into a pre-made hot chocolate for an extra chocolatey rush.

Food Listings
Winter Farm Stands

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- **GOULD HILL FARM** 656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook, 746-3811, gouldhillfarm.com, closes Dec. 23
- **J&F FARMS** 124 Chestre Road, Derry, 437-0535, jandffarms.net, closes end of Dec.
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- **TROMBLY GARDENS** 150 N. River Road, Milford, 673-0647, tromblygardens.com, Shorter winter hours.

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- **WEARE** at Holy Cross Church

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- **WEARE** at Weare Town Hall (15 Flanders Memorial Road) Saturdays, Oct. through May, 4-6:30 p.m. Call 491-4203 or see harvest-tomarket.com

Christmas Eve dinners

- **BEDFORD VILLAGE INN** The BVI (2 Olde Bedford Way, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) Christmas Eve menu is \$75 per person. Reservations required.
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- **THE COMMON MAN** Both Common Man Restaurants (25 Water St., Concord, 228-3463; 304 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-3463, thecman.com) are open 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
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- **GRANITE RESTAURANT** (96 Pleasant St., Concord, 227-9000, ext. 602, thecentennialhotel.com) Open, featuring Christmas Eve specials. Reservations recommended.
- **HANOVER STREET CHOPHOUSE** (149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com) Christmas Eve lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; dinner 4-8 p.m.
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Festa dei Sette Pesci

On the centuries-old Feast of the Seven Fishes

By Luke Steere
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It's Christmas Eve, Italian style: tons of family, tons of friends, tons of courses.

The Feast of the Seven Fishes is an Italian holiday tradition rooted in religious tradition and carried on today in various forms. Typically seven courses of fish are served in lieu of milk and meat during the eve of religious holidays. The food, however, is but an accompaniment to the true festivities: smiling family members and friends, says Chef Pasquale Celone. Since 2000 he's operated Pasquale's Italian Ristorante, and all his life he's celebrated the holiday.

"It's one of the things that inspired me to become a cook. I was definitely excited for any cooking event. They all come down to family traditions, and it was always on holidays when the biggest groups of families got together and I'd see all the ladies getting to cook," he said.

Celone moved from Torre Annunziata, just south of Naples with Mount Vesuvius looming above. In Candia, the Feast of the Seven Fishes was held on and off for several years before beginning to take off around 2007. When crowds of regulars began coming — demanding he continue, he began holding it in earnest.

This year, on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. sharp, he'll be serving seven courses of Italian seafood for \$60 a person at la Vigilia Napoletana. It fills up quickly, so reserve as soon as possible. Pasquale will be serving a very filling menu, traditional of the feast.

Starting with an antipasto, an insalata di frutti di mare, or fresh seafood salad, of fried calamari and golden-fried anchovies over pasta, the dishes are meant to fill up diners after a long day. The next courses are served with two dishes apiece.

First is even more pasta, with cannellini beans, mussels and angel hair pasta with clams. Second are two traditional Vigilia dishes from the Amalfi Coast. Oven-baked Swordfish in Crazy Water special sauce and a baked salt-cod in a tomato sauce. To finish, Pasquale will be serving a cheese course.

Just how does one eat all this? Well, according to Florence Foti, of Somerville, Mass., the food keeps people together for their long day.

"It's an all-day preparation, and then we go midnight Mass. We start eating and continue all day and all night," she said.

Foti, 72, moved to the U.S. from Little Candida in Italy's Avellino province. Her daughter Florence Foti-Smokler has owned and operated the eponymous Florence's (465 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack,



Chef Pasquale Celone. Courtesy photo.

Feast of the Seven Fishes

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424-4010) for decades.

"We'd start with shrimp cocktail, clams, cherry stones and oysters in a salad, to fill up after a long day of cooking, and after that the food comes all at once," Foti said. "It was one of the most important events. Maybe we didn't have a lot, but food provides the most comfort in Italy, and a feast is an excuse to celebrate. Our town had about 1,600 people in it, you knew everybody."

Fellowship was less about gifts and more about doing things like having people over, she said. Residents of Little Candida came out en masse for funerals, weddings and events like the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Throughout the evening, visits from neighbors brought more food or more mouths; a priest would go around blessing houses, people and animals.

"We would never eat any meat whatsoever," said Foti-Smokler. "It was pretty cool and very religious."

After midnight Mass, however, meat and cheese are fair game — and yes, the eating continued into the early morning hours, Foti said. Foti-Smokler does not hold a celebration at Florence's, but her restaurant is open on Christmas Eve. She says trying to keep up traditions is difficult.

"It's a matter of things like who's allergic to shellfish, and also getting out of work then having to prepare seafood like shrimp, and stuffed lobster and smelts. ... it's a lot of work," Foti-Smokler said.

For those that can't make Pasquale's, the Tuscan Kitchen is also holding a feast. Chef Joe Faro will be featuring a five course, prix fixe feast with the usual seven types of seafood; and an extensive wine list. The Kitchen's regular menu will also be available. 🍷

Bakery renovated, renamed

Cupcakes, classes, cafe and more

By Luke Steere
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From shabby chic to European classique, Sophisticakes is a needed expansion to a popular Windham-based cupcake shop.

Gourmet cupcake makers at Shabby Chic, which has been open since 2008, moved to a new location earlier this month and dubbed themselves Sophisticakes. The pink décor that defined their smaller operation on Corbetts Pond Road is gone. Their new, more spacious home is a sunny boutique with a new feel, featuring white décor and classic Italo-Franco designs.

“We’ve outgrown Shabby Chic,” owner Lisa Desrochers said. “It was too small to be able hold classes if we weren’t done in kitchen. There was too much going on.”

Baking at Sophisticakes, like it always had a Shabby Chic, begins at midnight. By 6 a.m. the cakes are done and the but-tercream people come in to finalize before opening at 11 a.m. Any classes had to be fit in around orders for cupcakes and other goods for weddings and other events.

“Classes began as an afterthought, but they are one of the most fun things we do. Kids come in and bake things on their own, crack their own eggs, learn how to cream butter and measure flour, and when they leave here they have crafted something they can eat,” Desrochers said.

Parents consider it something of a god-send, she added, a way of getting into the kitchen by getting out of their own. And the kids like it too. Desrochers said her most unsatisfied customer is a kid kicking and screaming after a birthday function has ended, walking out with a box of cupcakes to take home to the family.

Sophisticakes tries to keep it afford-able at an average of \$30 per class. The kitchen features a large banquet table, a chalkboard for the day’s recipe, and a fully stocked kitchen along the back wall with measuring cups, mixers, sifters, and more equipped for big parties with lit-tle fingers. It happens in a private room behind a sliding French door.

“Being able to see into the cooking class-room is engaging. Seeing 12 kids with baking hats on during a birthday party really is magical,” Desrochers said.

On the other side of the door is the 24-seat cafe with an open pastry kitchen. Influenced by travel, Desrochers’ other weakness, there is a very European feel to the room. Visitors can choose from 18 to 22 of their 150 seasonal and specialty cupcake flavors made fresh and on dis-play, with which they can order coffee, or



Bakers Assistant Nikelle Petrillo bakes with Juliana. Courtesy photo.

Sophisticakes

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choose from their gelato selections, a high-end complement to the desserts they make, she said.

Adults fancy the elegant cupcake designs (fork required!) and gelato flavors while kids tend to dress either up with jimmies, M&Ms or Lego-shaped Candy Blox, Des-rochers said. The cafe features a big screen TV (a hit with daddy birthday chaperones) and a small section of specialty groceries. With the added room, classes, order baking and planning can be done entirely indepen-dently of having a functional cafe.

Freedom with classes has also allowed Sophisticakes to foster better connections with the community. Both Desrochers and Karen Townsend, Sophisticakes event coor-dinator, have children in the local school system and recently announced a cooking class based on school reading assignments.

“It makes reading more fun if they have an opportunity to do something fun at the end,” Townsend said.

The move has proved a healthy expan-sion, Desrochers said, but it wasn’t without bumps. A fire broke out on Sept. 13 that pushed back their slated October opening. Renovations had barely begun, but smoke damage caused major delays. Still, Sophis-ticakes opened with a renewed, positive philosophy.

There’s still time for Christmas class-es. A gingerbread decorating party begins at noon on Saturday, Dec. 22, and a San-ta cookie class on Sunday, Dec. 23, at noon as well. 🍪

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FOOD

Four men and a brewery

New craft beer business opens in Henniker

By Luke Steere
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New Hampshire's newest brewery started rolling off its flagship beers Tuesday, but Henniker Brewing Company has been ready for launch for some time now.

For the past year, the men behind the brewery have been cultivating their simple philosophy of providing quality, diverse recipes and helping to support local, independent companies. It gives these microbrewers a laid back air; they're brewing out of a cavernous warehouse as comfortably as they would their own basements.

"I was not a beer brewer, but the space was here, and craft beers always interested me," said co-owner Dave Currier.

Currier and other co-founders Chase Hand and Gregory Bolton hired head brewer James Moriarty this June and began finalizing their Kolsch-style American Amber Ale and Hop Slinger IPA.

"Working with James and the guys, I have learned an awful lot about it over the last year. I had no idea about the science behind it; there is quite a lot of consideration on sensing tastes. After sampling enough and learning to taste notes, you get a feel for the citrus, chocolate, caramel and other flavor notes," Currier said.

The group conferred on the two styles in small batches, adjusting their amber ale to have a rich caramel toffee sweetness and a hoppy delicateness and giving the Hop Slinger a citrus aroma, grapefruit flavor and golden-copper color for a dry, hoppy bitterness. Yuengling Larger had always been Currier's favorite, but Henniker's own IPA is turning him on to the diversity of the craft brewing world, he said.

Moriarty, on the other hand, is no stranger to it. After earning a degree in mechanical engineering, the Massachusetts native "caught the brewing bug," and, after volunteering at Concord Brewing Co., went on to work for Rapsallion, Pennichuck and, most recently, Cape Cod Beer.

"Henniker offered me a new opportunity, to take something from the ground up," said Moriarty of his new venture.

"At Cape Cod Beer, we had our flagships that were created by the brewmaster, and it was our job to be efficient with those recipes. You're so focused on the process, but some larger breweries are turning that around though, allowing their shift brewers to do their own recipes," he said.

Henniker features a 15-barrel system; one barrel holds 31 gallons of beer, enough for two kegs.



Greg Bolton, Dave Currier, John Moriarty and Chase Hand. Luke Steere photo.

Henniker Brewing Co.

129 Centerville Road, Henniker
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"At these smaller companies there are less people, but you're on a team. Everyone's accountable for the product," Moriarty said.

As the head brewer he takes the brewery's product from grain to glass, overseeing some pouring, growler distribution and other things in the process; last week, Moriarty was a combination mechanic-plumber, flushing water through the custom built stainless steel structures to prepare for a water brewing cycle. Working with new equipment and fresh recipes poses a bit of a dilemma, he said.

"Typically you know your efficiency, your water quality, your yield, so during our first couple batches we will be gathering that data and learning any unknowns, but we're doing our due diligence to figure those out. And doing our best to hit a home-run on the first swing," Moriarty said.

Quietly, he added that he has a pretty good batting average, and Currier said the company is more than ready.

"It's been a lot of work, and a lot of delays," he said, adding that they were shooting for an opening in August.

The customs, licensing and equipment purchasing that comes with the brewing industry pushed them back, but the anticipation is palpable. When the founding trio first heard about a medical supply company pulling out of the warehouse space in early 2011, they began looking at it through a brewing lens and envisioning possibilities. Soon thereafter they hired a consulting brewer to help them hammer out logistics.

Now, "We're ready to launch. The first steps are going to be distribution and promotion, 22 oz. Bombers for people to try and kegs to get us into restaurants and bars," said Currier, holding a newly minted Henniker Brewing Co. bar tap. "After the first of the new year we're going to open our tap room for tastings, tours and filling growlers. We invite people to try it out and come visit." 🍷

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Meta-dinner

Eating an experience at Stages One Washington

By Luke Steere
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After opening in April, Chef Evan Hennessey recently reflected on his masquerading restaurant's success by planning another year's worth of themed dinners.

Springtime in Paris marked the opening of Stages One Washington (1 Washington St., Suite 325 Dover), kicking off with summery French cuisine served under light cafe decor. Then, inspired by *Casablanca*, the restaurant went for an all-Moroccan theme. After that came a laboratory, serving a menu of molecular reconstruction, and then a tribute to classic food from Del Monico's restaurant. No matter what the theme, it's never the same menu, never the same decor.

"It's a huge creative point," Hennessey said. "When you go out to eat at any restaurant, things change, maybe dishes on the menu or the maybe the menu altogether, but it's usually depending on the season. The service is the same, or much same, the food is much the same, the decor is much the same; diners are left up to own devices to create their own experience. We are looking to go above and beyond that idea."

Extensive research is behind all the themes at Stages One. The *Casablanca* theme, for example, came to fruition only after Hennessey watched the movie several times and researched the 1940s and Morocco. Coming up with ideas, he said, is a combo of both personal taste and feasibility: Can we connect this to food somehow?

"We take something and see if we can draw it into the culinary arena. In the kitchen with the guys, we air the idea and see if it takes," Hennessey said. "It's natural to think seasonal stuff. With winter, people think braising, dark food, dark things, rich foods, and I say, stop thinking, totally turn it around and begin spitting out things left and right."

He recently announced a year's worth of themed dinners that will run two nights per month at Stages. Over the last few months, he was toying with ideas: *Decades*, *A Christmas Carol*, Mother's Day. Some ideas lend themselves to the menu side of the evening, like Julia Child; others make for easy decor but demand creativity on the food, like *Alice in Wonderland*, which will kick off the new year.

Drawing from Lewis Carroll's book, film adaptations and character author histories, Hennessey began to create dishes for his culinary trip down the rabbit hole, scheduled for Jan. 18 and 19 at 6:30 p.m.

"Our MO is five courses with five pairings, but with Alice, we were kicking ideas



Chef Evan Hennessey and Stages sous chefs put on the show. Courtesy photo.

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and asked, 'Why do just five?' So it became a multi-course idea, with small plates," he said.

For creative flair, Stages One will serve something akin to the "DRINK ME" bottle Alice first encounters. It has a "flavor combo that is what Lewis Carroll describes it tasted like to Alice." They're even working with dehydrated powders stuffed into gel caps. But Hennessey pointed out that along with the more creative elements, dinners always feature normal courses.

As part of the 2013 lineup, Stages is offering cooking classes on some of the dishes featured at the monthly dinners. They are a return to what he used to do with Flavor Concepts, the catering side of his business. Corresponding with the dinners, the classes will introduce students to some unique dish ideas and offer insight into the creative process behind planning a themed event.

As for his own theatrics, he said he was a member of his junior high drama club and later flunked theater in college while pursuing an art and drawing degree. Soon thereafter, he began cooking, and becoming interested in dynamic restaurants.

"This restaurant is a dream place," Hennessey said. "We are trying our hardest to show how dining differently is great, and we're asking for our guests to sit back, relax and enjoy the show." 🍷

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Butternut squash

As winter approaches, finding locally grown produce becomes more challenging. Winter farmers markets are less common than their summer counterparts and, given the harsh climate of New England, there's just less available. Yet even in this tough weather, things grow — Mother Nature at her strongest. Enter the winter squash.

This week, I'm cooking with butternut squash. This flesh-colored squash can get quite large and therefore seem an intimidating food with which to cook. Upon slicing, it smells almost exactly like a pumpkin and is just as orange. Yet it's nuttier and sweeter than a pumpkin, and far less messy — I avoid cooking with pumpkins because of the mess. Once deseeded (just a scoop or two does it) and peeled, this gourd is quite an easy to manage.

Butternut squash is also quite healthful given its high concentration of Vitamin A: It has more than 300 percent of one's daily value. Like many of its relatives, this squash is also rich in potassium, fiber and Vitamin C, making it an excellent addition to your family's dinner table. While its nutritional benefits are obvious, its local benefits might be missed. Try, if you can, to buy locally sourced butternut squash to



support the farmers near you. If your supermarket doesn't offer this, ask them why and head to a winter farmers market; you can find a list of such markets in The Hippo's food section.

There's so much to enjoy about butternut squash: the nutrition, supporting local growers and the aroma. When cooking this squash, I prefer to roast, because my oven releases wonderfully sweet winter smells that fill my home. Plus, roasting is so easy: slice, oil and bake 'em at 425 degrees and *voila*. You can always eat them as they are or add them into your favorite recipe. See my butternut squash lasagna take below. — Allison Willson Dudas

Butternut Squash Lasagna

(adapted from a number of recipes including Martha Stewart's and Giada de Laurentiis)

- 1 2½-pound butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into 1 inch cubes
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - Salt and pepper
 - 3 amaretti cookies (I used Stella Dora's original breakfast cookies, and they were great)
 - ¼ cup butter
 - ¼ cup flour
 - 3½ cups whole milk (resist the urge to go lowfat here since it's for a sauce)
 - ½ cup lightly packed fresh basil leaves
 - 1 packet no-boil lasagna noodles (I needed 14 for my dish)
 - 2½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese
 - 1/3 cup grated or shredded Parmesan cheese
- Begin by roasting the squash on a baking sheet with olive oil, salt and pepper for about 20-25 minutes at 425 degrees, until tender.
- While squash is roasting, make your lasagna sauce by melting the butter in a small saucepan. Add the flour and mix for about 1 minute and then gradually add the milk,

whisking along the way. Bring mixture to a simmer, maintaining for about 5 minutes, whisking often so that the sauce thickens. Put aside and let cool slightly. Once sauce is a bit cooler, add half of it to a blender along with the basil and mix until blended well. Add the basil mixture back into the non-basil mixture.

Once squash is finished, mash up in medium bowl along with the cookies. If easily accessible, you can use a food processor for this to really make a puree. I found myself not wanting to dirty yet another appliance and skipped it, and all was well. Butter a medium casserole dish (about 9 by 13), and pour ¾ cup of the sauce into it, spreading around. Place 3-4 (I needed 3½) lasagna noodles down. Spread 1/3 of the squash mixture over top and follow with ½ cup of mozzarella. Repeat about 3 more times (sauce, noodles, squash and) layer of noodles.

Cover dish tightly with aluminum foil and bake for 40 minutes at 375 degrees. After 40 minutes, remove foil and sprinkle top with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan. Bake for another 15 minutes and let cool for about 15 minutes before serving.



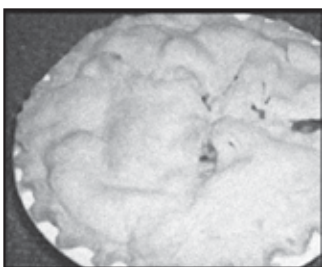
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Rosemary

In the winter, I like to keep herbs and spices on hand that really add depth of flavor to any meal. A few small sprigs go a long way in creating a crave-worthy dish. This recipe for skillet rosemary chicken, courtesy of the Food Network Magazine, combines powerful flavors and heady aromas that will fill your kitchen and leave you drooling.

The history of the herb rosemary is long and varied, ranging from symbols of fidelity and love at weddings to the “cure” for a common thief. According to ourherbgarden.com, the legends and folklore surrounding the herb have grown over time. Cultivated by the Spanish in the 13th century, it quickly became a popular condiment with salt meats. But the plant had more uses than just a seasoning. It was often used at weddings, entwined into wreaths and dipped in scented water, as a sign of what a bride brought into the marriage and a remembrance of the life the bride used to live prior to the wedding. Anne of Cleves, Henry VIII’s fourth wife, wore a rosemary wreath at their wedding.

But rosemary wasn’t all love and happiness. The root of the herb was drenched in wine vinegar to create a lotion in the 14th century, which was ultimately used to wash the feet of an accused or convicted thief. It was believed the lotion “sapped the strength” of the robber so he was unable to steal or do further harm. Early medical journals cite rosemary as a remedy for numerous pains and ailments, including bad dreams, head colds and even protection from the plague. When the bubonic plague



The herbs and seasoning of this one-skillet dish will leave you warm all night long. Lauren Mifsud photo.

killed nearly 40,000 people in London in the early 1600s, the demand for the herb was so high the price increased to nearly six times its original cost (at the time more than even an entire pig).

Fortunately, today the threat of plague hasn’t inflated the cost of rosemary, and if you don’t grow it, you can find it at an affordable price at your local grocery store. You’ll need two full sprigs plus one tablespoon of the leaves for this recipe, and even that amount adds a potent punch of flavor. The varying flavors in the dish, crusted on the chicken skin and absorbed by the starch of the potatoes, are a treat for your taste buds. The freshness of the rosemary, a hint of citrus and a kick from red pepper flakes round out this meal. — Lauren Mifsud

Skillet Rosemary Chicken
Courtesy of Food Network Magazine
Ingredients:
¾ pound small red-skinned potatoes
Kosher salt
2 sprigs fresh rosemary plus 1 tablespoon leaves
1 glove garlic, mashed
Pinch of red pepper flakes
Juice of two lemons (squeezed halves reserved)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 skin-on, bone-in chicken breasts
10 ounces cremini mushrooms

Directions:
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cover the cut potatoes with cold water in a saucepan and salt the water, bringing it to a boil over

medium-high heat until the potatoes are tender. Drain and set aside. Pile the rosemary leaves, garlic, two teaspoons salt and the red pepper flakes (to taste) on a cutting board, then mine and mash into a paste using a large knife. Transfer the paste to a bowl and stir in the juice of one lemon and the olive oil. Add the chicken and turn to coat. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, skin side down, and cover and cook until the skin browns. Turn the chicken; add the mushrooms and potatoes and drizzle with the juice of the remaining lemon. Add the rosemary sprigs and juiced lemon halves to the skillet. Transfer to the oven and roast, uncovered, until the chicken is cooked through and the skin is crisp, about 20 to 25 minutes.

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Biscotti

I ate a lot during my last trip to Italy. The days started with cappuccinos and pastry, proceeded through snack of gelato and cheese, and ended with pasta and wild boar sauce.

And sometimes, during a late morning linger at a café, I would, with my espresso, enjoy a crunchy, nutty Italian cookie known there as a cantuccini, but more commonly called almond biscotti here in the U.S. This week's recipe is my nostalgic attempt to recapture that experience. And it does a pretty good job, I think, though nothing can quite replace the Italian piazzas where I really fell for these cookies.

The key to biscotti is that they must be baked twice: once as a log of dough, and again after being sliced into the familiar long cookies. The word "biscotti," in fact, derives from roots meaning "twice cooked."

This biscotti cooks at a lowish temperature for about an hour total, which is an eternity is cookie-baking time. This process allows the individual pieces to bake to a nice dry, crunchiness, without burning.



When making the dough, don't worry if it seems a bit stickier than an average cookie dough. It's supposed to look that way. However, when shaping the dough log, flour your hands and work surface generously to combat the dough's stickiness.

If you are feeling particularly decadent, drizzle some melted chocolate chips over the cooled biscotti, or dip the ends of the biscuits into melted chocolate, then let dry on a sheet of wax paper. Personally, I prefer my biscotti plain, alongside a cup of coffee as a mid-morning snack.

— Sarah Shemkus

Vanilla-Almond Biscotti

Recipe from my mother

1 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
3 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup almonds, coarsely chopped
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. In a small bowl, lightly beat the eggs and extracts together. Add half of the egg mixture to dry ingredients,

and beat at low speed. Add almonds, then remaining egg mixture, and continue beating until dough forms.

On a floured surface and with floured hands, shape dough into a log about 14 inches long by 3 to 4 inches wide. Transfer log to baking sheet and bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and let cool 10 minutes. Cut loaf into slices 1/2- to 3/4-inch wide. Place biscotti cut side down on baking sheet and return to oven for 10 minutes. Turn pieces over and bake an additional 10 minutes.

Remove from sheet and cool.

MISS LYLA'S BANANA PANCAKES TO THE RESCUE

A launch party for a new children's book by local author Alicia Rossman is happening Thurs., Jan., 3, 4 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, 778-9731). Meet and greet, personalized copies of the book, pancake making. Then Fri., Jan 4, 4 p.m., she will hold a book signing at the Kingston Library (169 Main St., Kingston, 642-3521).

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MAPLE MADNESS DINNER at The Inn at East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock St., Troy, 242-6495, east-hill-farm.com, will feature maple dishes, live fiddle music and a silent auction. BYOB. Reservations required. Sun., March 3.

Fancy holiday wines

You don't have to spend a fortune

By Stefanie Phillips
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The holiday season is here, and even a wine lover like me likes to shake things up now and then. I like discovering different wines to celebrate the holiday season, whether they are for a special occasion or not. So this week I scouted out some alternatives to the usual "red or white" dilemma. The good news is that while you may feel fancy drinking them, you do not need to spend a fortune.

My first find this week was **Cava Jaume Serra Brut** from Barcelona, Spain, which was a steal at only \$5.99, on sale from \$11.99 in my local N.H. Liquor and Wine Outlet.

Cava is a Spanish sparkling wine that can be white or rose, traditionally produced using macabeu, parellada and xarel-lo grapes. To be labeled cava, which is regulated under the country's wine appellation system, it must be made using the chamenoise traditional method of sparkling wine. This involves adding carbon dioxide to make the wine effervescent and give it its signature bubbles.

Cava dates back to the second half of the 19th century, when the vineyards of the Penedès region were infested by grape root bugs. According to the Hospitality Guild site, the vineyards were replanted with white grapes instead of red. The first Spanish cava was made in 1872, and it has gained popularity ever since.

This cava has pleasant aromas of citrus and apples that also linger on the palate with a slightly dry finish. It is crisp with a nice level of effervescence. Made using traditional methods, the secondary fermentation actually takes place right in the bottle. Serve this wine well chilled.

Recommended pairings for this wine include smoked fish and caviar, but it would also be a good choice as a mixer in mimosas or other cocktails. I enjoyed it on its own, as it isn't overly sweet. It's an affordable gift or a great wine to serve at holiday parties to guests who typically like champagne (just hand them a glass; they won't even know this is anything different).

My next pick this week is **Banfi Rosa Regale**, a sparkling red wine from Italy. This wine is generally associated with Valentine's Day because of its lovely presentation and harmonious pairing with chocolate. However, it is a great choice for an occasion like New Year's Eve. I picked up this bottle on sale for \$10.99, usually \$19.99. It was almost too pretty to drink – almost.

Rosa Regale is made from 100 percent brachetto grapes from the Piedmont region of Italy. On the nose, it is reminiscent of rose petals, but it's much different on the palate, offering flavors of raspberries and strawberries. Its bubbles are softer than those of champagne, and it has a low alcohol content due to its sweetness.

Unlike the cava, this wine is made using the Italian method, where second fermentation occurs in large stainless steel tanks before it is bottled. This process is used when wines are meant to be drunk young.

According to the producer, "no wine pairs better with chocolate than. Rosa Regale is a seductive red sparkler that turns any occasion into a celebration." It also pairs well with savory appetizers and most other sweet desserts.

Reportedly, both Julius Caesar and Marc Antony presented several gourds of brachetto to Cleopatra, who insisted her lovers drink the wine and set their passion free.

My last selection this week is **Sandeman Tawny Port** from the Douro region of Portugal, which was on sale for \$10.99, originally \$12.99.

Port is a fortified wine blend that is sweet and viscous, typically enjoyed as a dessert wine or after dinner drink. According to the winemaker, the fermentation process is ended before its natural stopping place with the addition of a neutral wine alcohol, which gives the wine its rich, full-bodied characteristics, high residual sugar and a higher alcohol content. (This one has 20 percent.) The aging process is finished in oak barrels or casks, a process that takes a minimum of three years.

I don't remember liking port, but just like mead, I am now a fan. This port has aromas of vanilla and dried fruit, with flavors of red fruits and currants. I also tasted raisin. The finish is nice and warm. This is the perfect drink for cold winter nights. It can be enjoyed at room temperature, over ice or as part of a cocktail mixer. (Visit www.sandeman.eu for drink recipe ideas.) Recommended pairings include desserts with caramel-like crème brulee, strong blue cheeses or even creamy seafood dishes. I enjoyed this as an after-dinner drink, and it was very soothing to my sore throat.

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DRINK

Red, white and green

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This week we tried two red wines from northern California.

Our first wine was the **2008 Beringer Knights Valley Meritage** (\$17.99). A Meritage is an official blend of Bordeaux grape varietals, according to the Meritage Alliance, which is the official arbiter for the blend. A red Meritage must contain at least two of the Bordeaux grapes (though one varietal can't be more than 90 percent of the mix): cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec, petit verdot and carmenère. The Beringer was a dark ruby red; we got fruit on the nose, including cherry, raspberry and blackberry. Just as the nose hinted at, the wine had a big fruit taste up front (plum and blackberry) with rounded notes of oak and earthiness that gave the wine a balanced feel. This will go well with a variety of foods and works well by itself.

Our second bottle of wine was the **2009 Mazzocco Zinfandel** from Sonoma County (\$14.99). The color of this red was on the lighter side for a red with ruby and maroons. The nose was fat with cherries and rounded out with leather and wood. For taste



we got big bright flavors of dried cherries and stone fruit. One reviewer said it had a "taste of yummy." We all really enjoyed this zinfandel; it was easy to drink with little to no tannins.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," the wine-lovers taste red and white wines that sell for not too much of the green, less than \$20. The goal? To find a good bottle without breaking the

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• **HAPPY NEW BEERS** Thurs., Jan. 10, 6 p.m. IncredibREW (112 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com) \$35 per variety case, pick from six new recipes for 2013. Bottling two weeks later.

• **DARK AND STORMY NIGHT** Thurs., Jan. 17, 6 p.m. IncredibREW (112 Daniel Webster Hwy.,

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• **DARK AND STORMY NIGHT II** Fri., Jan. 18, 6 p.m. IncredibREW (112 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com) \$60, 2 cases, bottles not included; dark, thick and heavy brews. Advanced class. Pick up two weeks later.

• **MIDWINTER JAMMIN WINEFEST** at IncredibREW (112 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com) Fri., Jan., 25, 6 p.m. Susanne Stretch of Laurel Hill Jams & Jellies will talk making, bottling and labeling. Samples from Laurel Hill. \$60, 6 bottles of wine.

Wine tasting classes & workshops

• **WINE SOCIETY** (650 Amherst St., No. 9, in Nashua, 883-4114; winesociety.us) offers classes for wine lovers of all levels. New sessions start every few months. Call for schedule.

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Cocktail events

• **LABELLE NEW YEARS CELEBRATION** LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898) is ringing in 2013 with music, food and fireworks. Mon.,

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• **INTOWN HOLIDAY COCKTAIL COMP** Manchester restaurants are serving seasonal drinks, try them and vote for your favorite. Voting ends on Jan. 1. Visit facebook.com/intownmanch for participants; call 645-6285.

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HORTAX COBRA, 1984 INGRID RECORDS



Hortax Cobra is the alias of John Eriksson, drummer for Swedish glitch-pop band Peter Bjorn and John, whose Postal Service-worship hasn't resulted in massive fame, but enough to encourage this guy to throw together this record, said to be a prequel to his "legitimate" first album, to be out in 2013, if I'm reading this correctly, not that I care if I am. And that's because Eriksson doesn't care all that much about me, either, or you, for that matter, just his own need to release this anti-ode to the Van Halen LP of the same title. Minimalist Kraftwerkian techno isn't everybody's bag, but if it's yours, you may or may not be impressed with these (mostly instrumental) doodles, their only real relation to "Panama," "Jump" and all those songs being the tempos and song lengths. "Hot For Teacher" builds around an Animal Collective fractal that's surely tasty, but the record's main thrust is claptrap lo-fi mixtures that Fujiya & Miyagi would erase from the hard drive, which they would then burn so their girlfriends would never catch wind of it. Honest, it's that important. **B-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

LOW CUT CONNIE, CALL ME SYLVIA SELF-RELEASED



I hate feeling obliged to legitimize this record, but there's a huge section of populace that can't accept that Do It Yourself bands are, like, legitimate. If this album had come out on a big label, you'd already be sick of hearing the stuff on every car/iPhone/TGI Fridays commercial, being it's that "good," for lack of a better catchall. This Philly duo has already won raves from *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*, if that makes a difference to you, and in this case it probably should. The Twitter version I'd toss at it is "Ben Folds after listening to way too much '70s glam," which, in English, means New York Dolls with a geeky edge, which, in plainer English, means honky-blues, a bit of idiocy, and big hooks – if any of these melodies were ripped off, Alice Cooper is certainly one victim. Setup is Dresden Dolls-esque, a dude on piano and a dude on drums, so there's a Jerry Lee Lewis angle, but geez, this one's count-em-13 songs, all hit-single length, that make you sense it's only the tip of a giant endless geyser of songwriting ability. Unless these guys jump off a skyscraper you'll be seeing much, very much, of these two wingnuts. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A Seriously Abridged Compendium of Recent and Future CD Releases

• Next week, the abyss yawns, and I agree with its sentiment! The next official mass-release day for CDs is Dec. 25, when even non-union stores are closed, so how are you people even supposed to buy this supposed "music?" More importantly, where does that leave me? You know, nobody wants a "Charlie In the Box," nor does anybody want a CD reviewer who has to review nonsense records released on CHRISTMAS DAY, all of them boring soundtracks or imports or old CDs that came out during the "rave scene years," like the reissue of **Prodigy's** *Fat of the Land*, yes, the one with "Smack My B—h Up," which I only mention because it was sent to me by some poor unfortunate PR girl who, like me, is trapped doing rock 'n' roll work, not choosing the color of the new Mercedes she's buying for her spouse, on a lark, for Christmas. No, not all of us can just go out and buy overpriced sedans in order to share in the celebration of our workaholicism, no, some of us have to make up nonsense words about bands during the holidays. Tell you, I'm *down*, man. When there's literally nothing at all to write about, I feel like a toy train with square wheels, or a cowboy who rides an ostrich! Won't some nice boy or girl accept my flaw?

• Wait! Is that jingling I hear? Here's something new, for my award-winning column! Someone named **Alicia Keys** has a new... wait, never mind, it's only THE Alicia Keys, with the vinyl version of her *Girl On Fire* album. What does a collector of Alicia Keys vinyl albums look like, I wonder? I'm picturing a 40-year-old virgin who lives at his mom's house, someone obsessed with owning every vinyl album ever made, one of those dudes. Yuck. I may as well go to the Igloo Castle and ask that King Lion dude if he has a spare cigarette. Santa's sleigh has FORSAKEN ME AGAIN.

• Wait! Yay! Who's this "Les Misérables" dude? Is he a guitar player, like Yngwie? Oh, dang it all to freakin' heck, it's just the **Les Misérables: Highlights from the Motion Picture Soundtrack**, never mind! What, Hugh Jackman is a singer now? Will he be on *Glee* and *The Voice*, because if not, how can he be a singer? [sound of canned laughter]

• Oh whatever. Did you know that there actually was a problem with the "Dolly For Sue" on that *Rudolph* TV special? As revealed on NPR's *Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*: "Arthur Rankin Jr., says Dolly's problem was *psychological*, caused from being abandoned by her mistress and suffering depression from feeling unloved." That's like me, being stuck talking about retail products that are coming out on the one day there's NO RETAIL. What about, did you know that the song they play in the "common room" on *American Horror Story* was by someone named "The Singing Nun?" It's funny, because... wait. WAIT. WAAAIT!! Didn't you just KNOW there'd be a BRAND NEW record from some silly devil-death-metal band on Christmas Day? Yay! Thank you, **Down**, for releasing your silly *IV: Part 1 the Purple EP*! Oh, that's just a vinyl reboot too? Whatever! Merry Christmas, Beelzebub! — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

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POP CULTURE CULTURE

Pop, past and present

Pop Culture selling comics, games for all generations

By Kelly Sennott
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Friends for a quarter-century, Kenneth Cushing and Erik Oparowske spent the past year scanning southern New Hampshire for the perfect spot to park their comic books, video games, vintage toys and sports memorabilia, with the vision of turning their shared hobby into a business.

They chose Raymond, and so far, so good.

They call their little shop attached to the Raymond Subway Pop Culture to encompass everything they offer. The duo planned for a Black Friday opening but moved the date up when, as they were stocking the store in October, they saw noses pressed against the window and heard the same question over and over: "When are you opening?"

So they opened the doors and let the public start shopping in a "soft opening" in late October. Cushing said it's become clear that they chose the right location.

"The one thing everybody keeps asking me, is 'Why Raymond?' I hear that so many times. The funny thing is, when the customers come in, they're saying things like, 'Thank you for giving us something fun to do in Raymond,'" Cushing said.

There wasn't anything quite like this in the area. "If you were looking for comic books, you have had to drive 15, 20 minutes to Salem, Manchester, in order to get something similar," Cushing said.

Plus, Manchester is already thick with comic book stores: Double Midnight Comics, Harrison's and Jetpack Comics.

With new and vintage offerings, Cushing and Oparowske hope to draw in multiple generations.

"The dad will remember the vintage Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, while the son's going to grab the new ones. Dad will remember reading the *Avengers*, *Captain America*, *Iron Man* comics as a kid, while the younger generation will know them from recent movies and TV shows," Cushing said. "Same with *Star Wars*. Same with *Star Trek*. That continuity, that interaction between the dad and the kid, the mom and the kid, that's what we're going for."

One of the store highlights includes a *Star Wars* vs. *Star Trek* wall.

"We call this the battle," Cushing said, gesturing to a shelf in the middle of the store that's half filled with *Star Wars* merchandise and half filled with *Star Trek* stuff. "When someone comes in, you're usually one or the other."

(He's *Star Wars*, Oparowske, *Star Trek*.) Adjacent to the "battle," you'll find



Kenneth Cushing at Pop Culture in Raymond. Kelly Sennott photo.

new Mego figures, Harry Potter figurines, paperback books, Batman and Superman figures, board games and boxes of assorted trading cards. Comic book fans will head straight to the back, where there's a long table of comics.

The shop isn't fully stocked yet, Cushing said. There's still a storage unit and a half of treasures that they have yet to unleash. Over the past 10 or 15 years, they've become big-time collectors, boasting items that date back to the 1970s, like Oparowske's Mego figures collection.

Cushing said his favorite moments are when visitors find something that reminds them of their childhood, like games for Atari 2600, Sega, PS1 or Nintendo, for instance.

"By taking out that game, they're reliving a part of their childhood. And they won't realize it, but we're reliving it vicariously through them because we sparked that interest," Cushing said. 🍷

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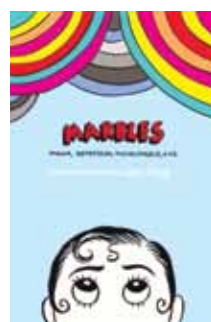
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POP CULTURE BOOKS



MARBLES:
*Mania, Depression,
Michelangelo & Me,*
by **Ellen Forney**
(Gotham Books,
237 pages)

If, as it's said, 17 million people in the U.S. have a depressive disorder, Ellen Forney should sell a lot of books. Forney is an artist who is both bipolar and bisexual, and her new graphic novel, *Marbles*, details her journey for the four years after her diagnosis. In a nation that is increasingly bipolar, ranking the highest in incidence among first-world countries, this could be popular book.

If only it weren't a graphic novel.

To thumb through *Marbles* is to get a sense of what bipolar means: light and dark, highs and lows, clear and sharp bursts of genius tempered with fuzzy and drab melancholy. A frenzy of black-and-white art, this is a maniacal book to the eye, but there's a cogent, overriding theme: Are artists and writers, famously tortured beings, unproportionally crazy when compared to the general public? And it is characteristic of creative types, is it detrimental — indeed, fundamentally wrong — to treat their disorders? “Was that even a necessary part of their brilliance?” she asks.

Forney examines the lives of artists such as Vincent van Gogh, Georgia O’Keeffe, Edvard Munch and Sylvia Plath while sharing her own chaotic mental life, marked by lengthy bouts of highs, followed by crippling depression. The daughter of a lesbian who is “possibly cyclothymic,” she comes by her disorder honestly: There’s a long line of mood disorders on her mother’s side of the family.

Forney’s own condition emerged when she was 30. She hied herself off to a therapist’s couch and embarked reluctantly on a course of treatment, afraid that the medicines her doctor prescribed would

extinguish her creative spark.

She quotes from the diary of Edvard Munch, the Expressionist who painted “The Scream”: “My sufferings are a part of my self and my art. They are indistinguishable from me, and their destruction would destroy my art. I want to keep these sufferings. Without anxiety and illness, I am a ship without a rudder,” Munch wrote in his diary.

But to that, Forney replies, “But I don’t want to keep my sufferings. I don’t want to do art about my sufferings. My sufferings suck.”

“Sometimes it seems like ‘pain’ is too obvious a place to turn for inspiration. Pain isn’t always deep, anyway. Sometimes it’s awful, and that’s it. Or boring. Surely other things can be as profound as pain.”

During the course of her treatment, Forney drew numerous self-portraits which are included here, as well as images that reflected what she was feeling. These are great and interesting, as is the prose of the book.

But the weighty subject seems belittled by the cartoon strips that comprise the modern graphic novel. And there’s even some bewildering and offputting gratuitous sex, meaning this book, with its Olive Oyl-ish cover, has to be hidden in a household with kids.

The main problem, though, is that the jumble of illustrations competes with the message, composing a shrill cacophony that makes the book hard to read. Graphic novels are great for, say, stories about flesh-eating zombies, and even for a comical book like *How to Tell If Your Cat is Plotting to Kill You*, but there’s something fundamentally offputting about the style in a subject as complex and serious as this.

Forney is a fascinating creator with a compelling story to tell, and we want to hear it, but with more words, fewer pictures. That’s not a compliment, of course, to an artist, and I say it reluctantly, hoping this one won’t lop off her ear. C

— Jennifer Graham

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- **Bedford Public Library**
3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford 472-3023, bedford.lib.nh.us
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2 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102, goffstown.lib.nh.us
- **Hollis Social Library**
2 Monument Square, Hollis, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us
- **Hooksett Public Library**
1701B Hooksett Rd, Hooksett,

485-6092, hooksettlibrary.org

- **Manchester City Library**
405 Pine St. (main branch) and 76 N. Main St. (West branch), 624-6550, manchester.lib.nh.us
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18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 456-2600, indianmuseum.org
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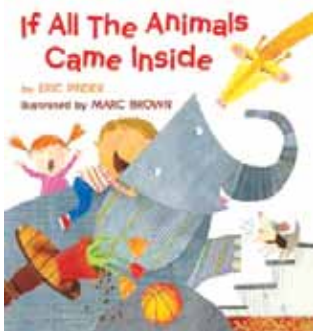
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 20 Park St., Concord, www.nh.gov/nhsl
 • **New Hampshire Writers' Project**
 SNHU, 2521 N. River Rd., Manchester, 314-7980, nhwritersproject.org
 • **Rivier College**
 420 Main St., Nashua, 888-1311, rivier.edu
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 • **World Affairs Council of NH**
 SNHU, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, 314-7970, wacnh.org

Author events
 • **MICHAEL PALMER** talks about *Political Suicide* on Fri., Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore (27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).
 • **JARED DIAMOND** will talk about his latest work, *The World Until Yesterday*, at the Music Hall Loft (Portsmouth, 766-2192) on Thurs., Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13.
 • **CHARLOTTE COX** talks about the final project of her late husband, Larry Cox, *Close Encounters of the Common Loon*, on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, (27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).
 • **KATRINA KENISON** author event at on Wed., Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., about her new book, *Magical Journey: An Apprenticeship in Contentment*.
 • **JOSEPH MONNINGER** will talk about *Margaret from Maine* on Thurs., Jan. 31, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562.
 • **CHRIS CASKO** presents his debut novel, *The Elimination Plan*, on Thurs., Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, (27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).
 • **BRUCE HEALD** presents *Gypsies of the White Mountains: History of Nomadic Culture* on Thurs., Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, (27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com).
 • **CORY DOCTOROW** will visit Gibson's Bookstore, (27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Sun., Feb. 24, at 3 p.m., to talk about *Little Brother: Homeland*.
 • **JORIE GRAHAM**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Place*, will

Book Report



• The walls would tremble, the dishes would break: The kids (and parents) love the “terrible mess we would make” in *If All the Animals Came Inside*, so much so that the children’s book was recently recognized by the National Parenting Publications Awards as a 2012 Silver Award Winner. It’s written by New Hampshire Institute of Art Creative Writing faculty member Eric Pinder, who says it’s thrilling just to see his work on the bookstore shelves. “Winning an award, or hearing from parents how much they and their kids enjoyed the book, is a great feeling,” he said in a press release.

• **New Hampshire winter hikers, take note:** University Press of New England in Lebanon recently published a book edited by Carol Stone White called *Peak Experiences: Danger, Death and Daring in the Mountains of the Northeast*. This book features a collection of over 50 tales of “day hikes and long treks gone awry.” White brings together some of her favorite tales of “outdoor misadventure,” written by colleagues and fellow hiking enthusiasts who have experienced some of the harsher sides of climbing the peaks of New England and the Adirondacks.

• **First Writers' Night Out in Derry:** Writer's Night Out is a chance for writers to meet and mingle with other writers in the area and talk about books, writing, and publishing. The monthly mingle occurs the first Monday of the month at various locations across the state. This first Derry gathering is at Cask & Vine, 1 E. Broadway, Derry, on Monday, Jan. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact Cynthia Neals, 329-4249 or visit writersday.org.

• **Kristi Larrabee's *Acceptance*:** Kristi Larrabee, a New Hampshire native, offers her story in her latest book, *Acceptance*, where after six miscarriages, she's finally blessed with a child. Her book tells of her emotions through times of trial, and aims to encourage those who suffer the same tests. Call 888-361-9473 or visit tatepublishing.com/bookstore or visit barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

— Kelly Sennott

be featured as part of the Eagle Pond Authors' Series on Thurs., Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., at Silver Center for the Arts, Plymouth State University. Followed by dessert and book signing. Free; call 535-ARTS.

• **RANDY SUSAN MEYERS** talks about *The Comfort of Lies* on Thurs., March 14, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562.

Lectures and discussions
 • **FISHING LECTURE SERIES**

at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610). Jim Norton talks about “Fishing Idaho and Montana” on Thurs., Jan. 3, at 7 p.m.; Rick Little presents “Saltwater Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned,” on Thurs., Jan. 10, at 7 p.m.; Bill Thompson presents “Fly Fishing in the White Mountains,” on Thurs., Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.; Adrien Lavie presents “Ice Fishing in New Hampshire,” on Thurs., Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.; and the series ends with a “Let's Go Fishing: Introduction to

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Fly-Tying" workshop on Sat., Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration required for all events. Contact carol.eyman@nashualibrary.org.

• **ENGLAND'S WEST COUNTRY** travelogue by Monty Brown on Wed., Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Free.

• **KOREA, LAND OF CONTRAST** travelogue by Buddy Hatton on Wed., March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Free.

Book discussions

• **CANDIA SMYTH PUBLIC LIBRARY** book discussion group meets for friendly one-hour discussion once a month. The library is at 55 High St., Candia, 483-8245, www.smythpl.org. Next meetings are on Thurs., Jan. 10, at 7:30, to discuss *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

• **GIBSON'S BOOKSTORE** hosts monthly book discussions. Everyone is welcome to come for all or any of the dates. All discussion titles are 25% off until the date of their discussion. All meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. They'll talk about *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn and *In the Woods* by Tana French on Mon., Jan. 7, at 7 p.m.; *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare on Mon., Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.; and *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal, on Mon., March 4, at 7 p.m.

• **GOFFSTOWN LIBRARY** evening book group meets the first Tuesday of the month, open to any interested teen or adult. Feb. 5, is *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum; March 5 is *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Walker Thompson; April 2 is *In the Wake* by Per Petterson; May 7 is *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka; June 4 is *Nemesis* by Philip Roth; July 2 is *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey.

• **GOFFSTOWN LIBRARY** "literary ladies"/afternoon book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Wed., Jan. 23, is *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum; Wed., Feb. 27, is *Townie: A Memoir* by Andre Dubus III; Wed., March 27, is *The Orchardist: A Novel* by Amanda Coplan; Wed., April 24, is *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed; Wed., May 22, is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan Philipp Sendker. Call 497-2102.

• **KELLEY LIBRARY** Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The Non-Fiction book group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Upcoming title includes *History of the World in 100 Objects* by Neil MacGregor on Jan. 9. Science Fiction book club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Titles include *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood on Jan. 2; and *The Ethnos Effect* by L.E. Modestitt

OUT OF THIS WORLD



New Hampshire native and author Joe Pace will be signing his science fiction novel *Minotaur* on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m., at Water St. Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. The book's storyline travels 600 years from now, when EarthCorp runs the Sol system and "undesirables" are incarcerated on Penal Station Minotaur, which orbits Jupiter on the tiny moon Pasiphae. Call 778-9731 or visit waterstreetbooks.com.

on Feb. 6.

• **MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY** Brown Bag Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Hunt Room. Bring a bag lunch. Tues., Jan. 29, discussing *The Ginger Tree* by Oswald Wynd. Tues., Feb. 26, discussing *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery.

Poetry

• **WESLEY MCNAIR**, Poet Laureate of Maine, will present *The Words I Chose: A Memoir of Family and Poetry*, at Gibson's Bookstore, 27 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com, on Thurs., Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.

• **DICK ALLEN** Connecticut Poet Laureate Dick Allen will be guest at the Eagle Pond Authors' Series on Thurs., April 4, at 7 p.m., at Plymouth State University. Followed by dessert and book signing. Tickets free; call 535-ARTS.

• **POETRY SOCIETY OF NH** meets on the third Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore for a poetry reading followed by an open mike hosted by Don Kimball. All are welcome; come to listen or to read.

• **HYLA BROOK READING SERIES** is held at the BeanTowne Coffee House & Café at 201 Route 111 in Hampstead (beantownecoffee.com) in winter, and at Robert Frost Farm at 122 Rockingham Road in Derry in the spring and summer (<http://robertfrostfarm.org>). Free and open to the public. An open mike follows the readings. For info, email Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com.

• **HYLA BROOK POETS WORKSHOPS** meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Coffee Factory in Derry. For

info, contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com.

• **SLAM FREE OR DIE** at Milly's Tavern, 500 Commercial St., Manchester, 858-3286, includes a poetry open-mike session. Doors open and signups start at 7 p.m., open mike begins around 8 p.m., with featured poets and slams following the open mike. \$3 cover charge. Email SlamFreeOrDie@gmail.com or call 858-3286.

• **POETS JAM FACTORY** Jam your poetry to live music every Wed. 7:30-10 p.m. at Raxx Billiards, 1211 Elm St., Manchester, ages 18+.

Writers' groups

• **MANUSCRIPT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** with Mary Carol Moore on Sat., Feb. 2, and Sun., Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Cost is \$201 for members, \$268 for non-members (includes a one-year membership).

• **MEMOIR WRITING CLASS** ongoing, taught by Ann Perkins, on Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Ben Franklin Store on Freetown Road in Raymond. Admission is \$10 per class per student. Call 382-5908. Advance registration requested.

• **NHWP BOOK CLUB FOR WRITERS** is a chance for writers to get together four times a year for informal discussions of classic and contemporary literature from a writer's perspective, at various locations around the state. See nhwritersproject.org for meetings in the Upper Valley, Portsmouth and other sites.

• **THE BLANK PAGE** writers' group for all levels meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the third-floor conference room at Goffstown Public Library. All are welcome. Call 497-2102 for details.

Interactive film

Discovery Center combines films and education

By Jeff Mucciarone
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It's not really the prototypical film experience. Yes, there is a big screen and big sound, but there is a whole lot more to the film component at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord.

Teachers at the Discovery Center lead interactive film experiences, serving as one-part teacher and one-part orchestrator. During some shows, particularly the ever-popular *Tonight's Sky* series, teachers ask the audience what they want to focus on, said David McDonald, director of education at the center.

"One of the things that people seem to really like about our planetarium shows here, compared to the Boston Museum of Science, we are definitely more personal, more interactive with audiences," McDonald said. "We can take the time to talk to the audience. In *Tonight's Sky* ... we can customize a show on the spot." The interactive piece is a key distinction for the Discovery Center, McDonald said.

"Our software enables us to do so many things," McDonald said. "[Teachers] can have 12 hours of programming and not repeat themselves."

All educational films provide breathtaking visuals, and they're all family friendly, though some, such as *Our Place in Space*, are geared toward youngsters in the 3- to 6-year-old range. "[*Our Place in Space* is] talking about the solar system for a very elementary level," McDonald said. "There are talking animals, which are always popular with that age group. It's a lot of fun. It's a great learning opportunity."

Shows, which are generally 40 to 45 minutes long, typically run for three months, McDonald said.

McDonald said he tries to choose current offerings, such as the film *2012: Mayan Prophecies*, which is screening now. The show delves into the significance of Dec. 21 on Mayan calendars.

"I think a number of people are curious about what that's all about," McDonald said. "It's a wonderfully done show, explaining Mayan culture, calendars ... and how that date rises to popularity, as well as reasons why that is not an indicator of any type of apocalypse."

Some films are more complex in subject matter and are geared toward people high school age and older. Regardless of the targeted age, McDonald said anyone would appreciate and enjoy the visuals.

The Discovery Center will be featuring the film *Family of the Sun* in January, which is a family-oriented, live educator guided show that will take the audience from planet to planet, and moon to moon, with a stop on a comet as well, McDonald said.



The planetarium show 2012: Mayan Prophecies will examine Mayan culture and calendars, including the infamous date of Dec. 21.

After shows, teachers spend time talking about prominent components in films. Whenever possible, teachers tie films to New Hampshire, such as pointing out what's happening in New Hampshire's sky.

"We want to make shows as relevant as we can, so people can identify with what the shows are about," McDonald said. "We try to focus our *Tonight's Sky* shows on what's currently happening in our night's sky, as well as what the audience is particularly interested in."

The center keeps shows for both the public and for school groups. It's a rotational schedule, where shows are available for school groups only for a period of time, and then are opened up to the public.

"I believe we offer more planetarium shows for school groups than any other planetarium in the country," McDonald said.

The Discovery Center draws folks from all over, but McDonald said it does have a local audience that looks forward to catching new shows.

"But they love to come back for the oldies but goodies that we bring back online," McDonald said, noting a popular show detailing the dawn of the space age, which featured the competition between the Russian and American space programs.

Tonight's Sky plays at 2 p.m. every day the Discovery Center is open, which is Thursday to Sunday every week, and seven days per week during school vacation weeks and during the summer. 🍷

Discover!

On the first Friday of the month, the Discovery Center features a screening of *Tonight's Sky*, along with a special guest presentation, beginning at 7 p.m. The Discovery Center features teen night on the second Friday of the night, which is a program geared to students ages 13 to 19. Participation costs \$8 and includes pizza and soda. Visit starhop.com.

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POP CULTURE FILM REVIEWS BY AMY DIAZ

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13)

Dwarves, a hobbit and a wizard commence a trek toward a mountain full of gold and the dragon that guards it in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, the longest movie ever made in the history of the world ever.

Or, at least, that's how it seemed, there in the theater, watching my hair and nails grow and seasons pass by while the movie just kept going on and on.

Old Bilbo (Ian Holm) is preparing for a party with the help of Frodo (Elijah Wood) — I'm guessing before the events of *The Lord of the Rings* — when he sits down to write the story of his earlier adventures. Before we get to young Bilbo (Martin Freeman), we get a heaping pile of exposition dumped on us, the gist of which is that a dragon named Smaug attacked the mountain home of the dwarves, stealing their gold and forcing them to become refugees. Eventually, the dwarf king and his son died — there's a particularly nasty orc named Azog the Defiler (Manu Bennett) involved in the death of the king — but the grandson Thorin (Richard Armitage), prince and now de-facto king of the dwarves, has never forgotten the gold and the mountain. The dragon hasn't been heard about in years, and the dwarves think that



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

now may be the time to try to take back their ancestral homeland. (They have another ancestral homeland that gets talked about in the movie, but let's just sidestep that and keep the eyes on the prize of Lonely Mountain, home of the gold and the dragon.)

Gandalf (Ian McKellen), a wizard still sporting gray hair and gray robe ensemble, has decided to help the dwarves in their quest and, because he believes that getting into the mountain will involve an element of sneaking, he decides to rope in young Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit living in the Shire. (Hobbits being small and good at sneaking.) Bilbo has a tidy home and is fond of his peaceful, orderly life. But he also has a streak of the adventurer in him and so, despite his initial urges to simply send these dwarves away, he decides to join in on the quest for gold and glory.

Think of this journey — from A, the Shire, to B, the mountain

with the dragon — as a big game of Candyland. Only, instead of Gumdrop Lane or whatever, between here and there lie Rivendell (home of the elves, with whom Thorin has a beef), a bunch of nasty orcs (led by Azog), a few dwarf-eating trolls, goblins and at least one mountain range featuring mountains that can come to life and throw boulders around. Bilbo, separated from the others for a while, also encounters a hissing Gollum (Andy Serkis) and his Precious. (And that's all just in *this* movie.) Along the way, the dwarves, particularly Thorin, complain that Bilbo isn't really fit for this kind of quest, and Bilbo himself isn't sure. Also, at Rivendell, magical elf person Galadriel (Cate Blanchett) meets with Gandalf, wizard Saruman (Christopher Lee) and elf elder Elrond (Hugo Weaving) to discuss how the dwarves' quest fits into wider geopolitical changes in Middle-

earth that seem to involve some encroaching evil. Also, there's this whole bit about Radagast (Sylvester McCoy), a brown-robe-clad wizard whose kind of a Francis of Assisi and is attacked by giant spiders.

You know, I'll put up with a lot of goofy, magical "into each generation a slayer is born" or "you must avenge your father Anakin Skywalker by killing Darth Vader" type backstory, but *An Unexpected Journey* feels like 30 minutes of forward action tacked on to two plus hours of backstory and general exposition. Far too many of the creatures of Middle-earth look alike (orc or goblin? — only the leaders get enough personality and detail for the difference between the two to be quickly noticeable) and far too many places have names that sound like "Dormor" or "Mooradoon" or something else that could be the name of a small-batch scotch. There is just too much — names, places, battles, creatures — and yet not enough happening. A cast of thousands shows up on an infinite stage, but the plot isn't even a page long.

Add to this confusion of Middle-earth stuff the way this movie was shot — or I guess specifically the way I saw it. I saw the 3-D HFR version, which features more frames per second than your average movie. The resulting picture is striking. In some respects, it is crisper and clearer than most movies. But it also looks, for lack of a better descriptor, unpleasant-

ly "realer," like a play being acted out in front of you or like a live broadcast — like a football game or the in-studio part of a local news show. It's a disorienting visual effect and, while you see detail more, you lose lushness. As the dwarves and co. trudge through digitally-altered New Zealand, you see crisp mountain peaks, but there is no sense of a richness of the landscape. And God forbid you move your head during the movie. While the 3-D clarity grabs your eyeballs and doesn't let go when your head is perfectly upright, there is a head-achey blurring effect if you tilt your head even ever so slightly. And during a nearly three hour movie, trust me, you tilt.

I'm pretty sure that not only did I read *The Hobbit* as a kid but that it was read to me as well. I remember a rompy adventure. The spirit of that is hard to find in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. In an effort to weave a heavy suffocating tapestry of Middle-earth (and, I'm guessing, stretch this thing out to three movies), what could have been a spirited quest become an overstuffed force march. **C+**

Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence and frightening images. Directed by Peter Jackson with a screenplay by Fran Walsh & Philippa Boyens & Peter Jackson & Guillermo del Toro from the J.R.R. Tolkien book, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is two hours and 46 minutes long and is distributed by Warner Bros. 🍷

REVIEWLETS

* indicates a movie worth seeing. For reviews of graded films, go to hippopress.com.

Anna Karenina (R)

Keira Knightley, Jude Law. Ballet-set-piece imagery brings a sense of visual fun to this adaptation. **B**

***Argo (R)**

Ben Affleck, John Goodman. Tense, fun, fast-paced and exceptionally well done, this spy caper is based on the true story of CIA employees in Iran. **A**

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG)

Cirque performers.

We can't all get to Vegas so they bring the Cirque to you (in 3D) with this film that appears to have (at least initially) noon and 7 p.m. screenings. Opens Friday, Dec. 21.

Django Unchained (R)

Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. A bounty hunter gets a former slave, Django, to join him on a quest to hunt down the man who took Django's wife. Lot of violence, killing and racial epithets — it's how Quentin Tarantino says "Merry Christmas." Opens Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Flight (R)

Denzel Washington, Bruce Greenwood. Denzel plays a pilot who Capt. Sully's plane but then has to deal with the fallout of the post-crash sobriety test. **B-**

The Guilt Trip (PG-13)

Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen. Rogen is a man on a cross country business-related road trip who decides to bring his mother along. Opens Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Jack Reacher (PG-13)

Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. Based on the books by Lee

Child, Cruise plays Reacher, a former military officer turned drifter who is called into service to catch a sniper. Opens Friday, Dec. 21.

Les Misérables (PG-13)

Anne Hathaway, Hugh Jackman. As well as a Russell Crowe, Amanda Seyfried and Helena Bonham Carter. Dream a dream of a two and a half hour movie. Opens Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Life of Pi (PG)

Surjai Sharma, Irrfan Khan. Based on the Yann Martel novel, a teenage boy finds himself adrift in the ocean

with a Bengal tiger. The big buzz here is the use of 3D in a serious film. **C+**

***Lincoln (PG-13)**

Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field. One of the most important men in American history makes a film about Lincoln (little Steven Spielberg joke to welcome you to Oscar season!). **B**

Monsters, Inc. (G)

Voices of John Goodman, Billy Crystal. The Pixar classic about monsters who work at a scare factory (scaring kids at bedtime) gets a 3D rere-

lease. Opens Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Parental Guidance (PG)

Bette Midler, Billy Crystal. Grandparents Midler and Crystal wrestle with the modern approach to parenting when they babysit their grandkids for a few days. Opens Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Rise of the Guardians (PG)

Voices of Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin. The likes of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and more come together to fight an evil spirit. **C+**

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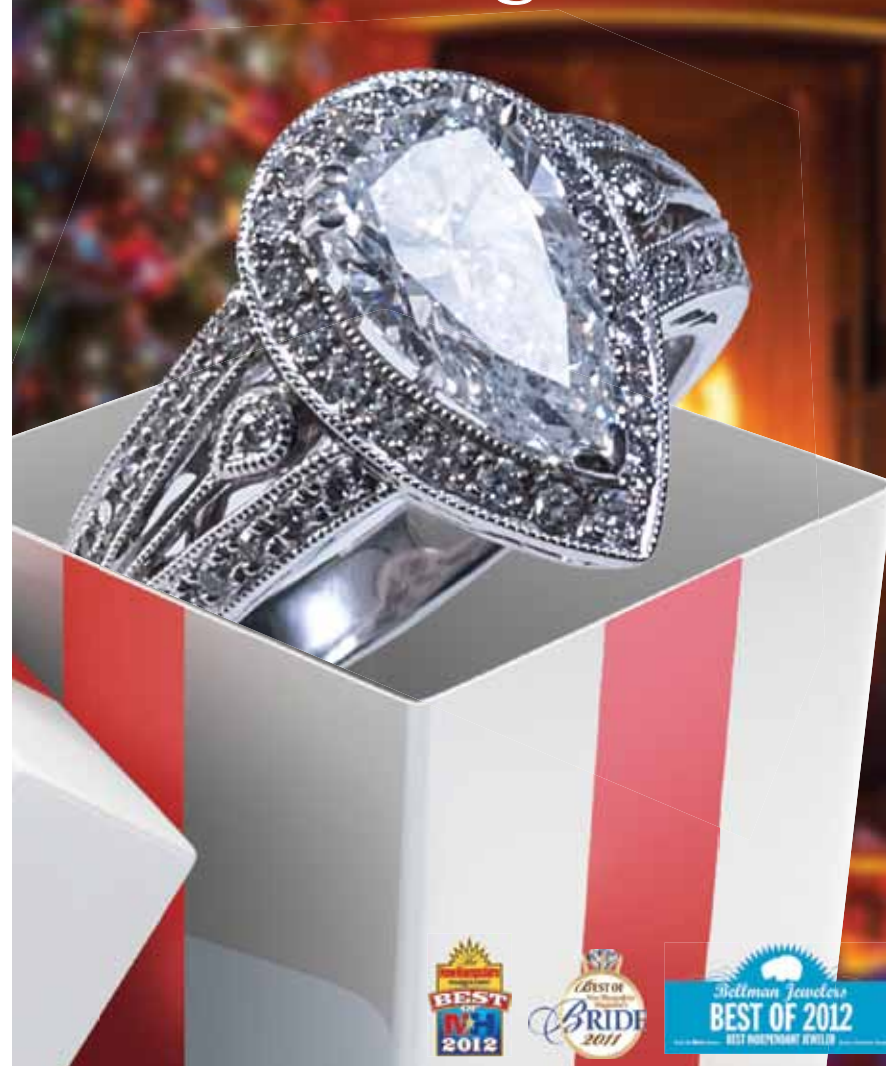
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• *The Central Park Five* (NR, 2012) Thurs., Dec. 20, at 2, 5:25 & 7:45 p.m.
• *Anna Karenina* (R, 2012) Thurs., Dec. 20, at 2, 5, & 8 p.m.; Fri., Dec., 21, through Sun., Dec. 23, at 1:15 & 6 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 24, at 2 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 25, at 6 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 26, and Thurs., Dec. 27, at 1:15 & 6 p.m.
• *Hitchcock* (PG-13, 2012) Thurs., Dec. 20, at 2:05, 5:35 & 7:50 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 21, through Sun., Dec. 23, at 4 & 8:30 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 24, at 4:45 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 25, 8:30 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 26, and Thurs., Dec. 27, at 4 & 8:30 p.m.
• *Argo* (R, 2012) Fri., Dec. 21, at 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 22, at 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 23, at 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 25, at 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 26 and Thurs., Dec. 27, at 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.
• *Joyeux Noel* (PG-13, 2005) Fri., Dec. 21, through Sun., Dec. 23, at 2 & 7 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 24, at 2 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 25, at 7 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 26, and Thurs., Dec. 27, at 2 & 7 p.m.
• *The Night of Las Posadas* Sat., Dec. 22, at noon & 2 p.m.
• *Woman in the Moon* (1929) Mon., Dec. 31, at 6 p.m.
• *Moulin Rouge* (PG-13, 2011) Sing along New Year’s Bash, Mon., Dec. 31, at 9 p.m.
• *Soul Food Junkies* (2012) documentary, Tues., Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m.
• *Independent Lens* Red River Theatres partnered with New Hampshire Public Television to present a free monthly series of screenings and discussions featuring films from the PBS series *Independent Lens*. The screenings will take place on one Tuesday per month at 6:30 p.m. through June 2013: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11.

on Sunday.

• *Anna Karenina* (R, 2012) Thurs., Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.
• *A Late Quartet* (R, 2012) Fri. Dec. 21, and Sat., Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 23, at 2 p.m.; and Tues., Dec. 25, through Thurs., Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m.
• *White Christmas* (1954) Sat., Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m.
• *It’s A Wonderful Life* (1946) Sun., Dec. 23, at 4:30 p.m.

FRANCO-AMERICAN CENTRE

Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, www.facnh.com.
• Cinema Mardi, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Film in French with English subtitles.
• *The Women on the 6th Floor* (2010) Tues., Jan. 15, at 7 p.m.
• *A Screaming Man* (2010) Tues., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY

405 Pine St., Manchester, 624-6550, www.manchester.lib.nh.us
• *A Dolphin Tale* (PG, 2011) Wed., Dec. 26, at 1 p.m.
• *Mrs. Doubtfire* (PG-13, 1993) Wed., Jan. 2, at 1 p.m.
• *Snow White and the Huntsman* (PG-13, 2012) Tues., Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. and Wed., Jan. 9, at 1 p.m.
• *Batling Butler* (1926) silent film with live musical accompaniment, Tues., Jan. 15, at 6 p.m.
• *Dark Shadows* (PG-13, 2012) Wed., Jan. 16, at 1 p.m.
• *Hairspray* (PG, 2007) Wed., Jan. 23, at 1 p.m.
• *The Avengers* (PG-13, 2012) Wed., Jan. 30, at 1 p.m.

WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

76 N. Main St., Manchester, 624-6560, www.manchester.lib.nh.us.
• *Ice Age: Continental Drift* (PG, 2012) Fri., Dec. 21, at 3 p.m.
• *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* (PG, 2012) Fri., Dec. 28, at 3 p.m.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Robert Frost Hall, 2500 River Road, Hooksett, www.snhu.edu
• *Dr. Strangelove* (PG, 1964) Wed., Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.
• *Amadeus* (PG, 1984) Wed.,

Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

• *Glory* (R, 1989) Wed., March 13, at 7 p.m.
• *Touch of Evil* (PG-13, 1958) Wed., March 27, at 7 p.m.
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2 Monument Square, Hollis, 465-7721, www.hollislibrary.org, Features a family movie night the first Friday of every month at 5:15 p.m. Bring a potluck dish.
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POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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• *Free Men* (2011) French film with subtitles, Thurs., Jan 10, at 6:30 p.m.

THE MUSIC HALL

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, www.themusichall.org, Some of these films are being screened at Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St. See website for details.
• *Yogawoman* (NR, 2011) Wed., Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.
• *The Loneliest Planet* (NR, 2011) Thurs., Dec. 20, through Sat., Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.
• *The Intouchables* (R, 2011) Sun., Dec. 23, Wed., Dec. 26, through Sun., Dec. 30, and Tues., Jan. 1, through Thurs., Jan. 3, at 7 p.m.; with a 3 p.m. screening on Sat., Dec. 29.
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Nite Roundup

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Laid back throwback:** Proudly stuck in the '70s, John Paul's ReminiSing takes a ride down the Pacific Coast Highway, covering material from The Eagles, Seals & Crofts, Little River Band (its name is borrowed from one their songs) and other soft rock stalwarts from that era. This is the band for anyone craving a peaceful easy feeling – and who doesn't these days? See John Paul's ReminiSing on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. at Whippersnappers, 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry. See whippersnappersnh.com.

• **Disco apocalypse:** Many observers note that the Mayan calendar closely resembles an Oreo cookie; hopefully, the end of the world will include a glass of milk. That said, an upscale downtown bar gets into the 12.21.12 final days fun with a dance party starring the biggest selling deejay in America – which probably means his crown will be retired at midnight, right? See Louie DeVito on Friday, Dec. 21, at 9 p.m. at Drynk, 20 Old Granite St. in Manchester; doors at 5 p.m. See dryknknh.com.

• **Foolish wool:** Dig out the sweaters adorned with purple snowmen, gangly reindeer and creepy Santa pictures and join a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Safe Sports of Manchester. The Chad LaMarsh Band and DJ Terry Moran will provide the official entertainment, but the real star is all the hideous clothing. Attend the eighth annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at The Derryfield, 625 Mammoth Rd. in Manchester. Tickets are \$10; see thederryfield.com.

• **Hot blooded:** As a band calling itself Foreigner tours the world, the real voice behind hits like "Urgent," "Double Vision" and "Cold As Ice" carries on. Lou Gramm plays those and other songs made famous by his ex-band (he parted ways in 2003), along with hits from Gramm's solo career like "Midnight Blue" and "Just Between You and Me." See Gramm on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St. in Derry. Tickets are \$25 to \$40 at stockbridgetheatre.com.

• **Kids wanna rock:** Family band Zanois performs a benefit for YWCA's Trim The Tree effort. The idea is to decorate a tree with grocery and department store gift cards, diapers, art supplies, socks and the like. Contributions are rewarded with both a warm glow and a Zanois CD – the show is free. Joining the show are Midisty, Strawberry Embassy and Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Attend Zanois Xmas Xtravaganza on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at The Jam Factory, 1211 Elm St. in Manchester. See tjfnh.com.

NITE Hunger knows no party

Diverse musical lineup gathers to benefit Concord food charity

By Michael Witthaus
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Here's an unlikely scenario: a liberal congressman, deposed in the Tea Party uprising of 2010, and a Ron Paul conservative who might have run against him if asked, joining together with other local musicians to support a local food bank.

That's the community spirit behind the upcoming benefit concert for The Friendly Kitchen on Dec. 21 at Concord's IBEW Hall. The show features Northern Light, a band led by former Second District Rep. Paul Hodes, and Ron Noyes, a blues rocker who ran for state rep in November, along with several other local acts.

"Hunger knows no party," said benefit creator and organizer Jon Bresler. "How about if we unite on the things we do agree on and we don't fight or talk about the things we don't agree on? We leave it at the door."

Bresler is also a member of Northern Light, which includes former Lebanon Mayor (and current city councilor) Karen Liot Hill, Jon Gabay and John Redfield.

It's the fundraiser's second year, and it's more ambitious this time around, with a large hall and expanded musical lineup that's grown from last year's informal jam session. Singer-songwriter Mary Fagan opens the show; Matt Ghelli of Concord band Boogie on Alice,

2nd Annual Rock 'n Roll Benefit for The Friendly Kitchen

When: Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

Where: IBEW Hall, 48 Airport Road in Concord

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Steve Grill and Chaz Proul will also perform.

The event began as a way to recover from a difficult loss as Bresler's 60th birthday approached. In December 2011, he and his family still mourned the death of his 21-year-old son Nat the previous March. While attending George Mason University, Nat had organized a local Habitat For Humanity chapter; Bresler decided on a similarly positive initiative in his own community.

"I wanted to do something for others, so as not to be all down and sad on my big day," said Bresler. "We wanted to ... express how you go on even after you have a terrible loss. You may not be able to help yourself, but there are things you can do to help others."

The Friendly Kitchen has seen many challenges, but none as great as the fire that destroyed it in April 2011. In addition to taking care of the hungry, the charity suddenly had to fight for its own existence. In the ensuing months, it never missed a meal, serv-



Northern Light will perform a benefit concert for The Friendly Kitchen Dec. 21. Courtesy photo.

ing the needy from temporary locations around Concord. Bresler and his wife were frequent volunteers.

On Dec. 13, The Friendly Kitchen opened in a new home. But the journey was anything but easy.

Last year's benefit concert netted \$4,000: \$2,200 in door receipts and \$1,800 from an anonymous donor. Bresler hopes to eclipse that amount this year. "We're all supposed to take care of the less fortunate around us. We're not talking about the government or anything," he said. "That's what's really nice about musicians and people in the community. Left, right or center, they get it — it's a simple thing. We're just getting together and we're gonna have a party to help people."

Bresler deflects praise for

choosing to confront his personal loss with civic activism. "That's really the subtext of the story, but I think the next one is the musical community. ... We may have differences but we can all play in the same band when it comes to helping our community. That is what is going on; there are no egos because people just get it."

The effort has moved beyond Bresler's initial motivation for organizing it. "I don't really think of it as my birthday party anymore or something that I'm doing for my son," he said. "It's just something that I do for my community - and it's a cool dance party. How much better can it be? An all ages events with music and dancing and food, and it's a benefit. That's win-win-win." 🍷

Nightlife Listings

Music, comedy & parties

• **A MERRY FUNNY NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS** at The Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth) Fri., Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Hosted by comedian Justin McKinney, the night will include a lineup of comedians and live music. Tickets are \$28 and \$40. Call 436-2400 or visit the-music-hall.org.

• **HARVEY REID AND JOYCE ANDERSEN** will perform at the First Parish Church (218 Central Ave., Dover) Fri., Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Reid plays acoustic guitar and autoharp and Andersen plays fiddle and sings. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day

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Money shot

Brooks Young Band rocks to the top

By Michael Witthaus
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Working on a new album while playing a blur of gigs, it's been a busy year for the Brooks Young Band — and also a well-rounded one. The Concord quintet appeared with everyone from Ted Nugent to Vice President Joe Biden, the latter at a rally appearance toward the end of the 2012 campaign.

Biden enjoyed the blues rockers enough to request a CD and arrange a meet and greet with President Barack Obama, and Bill Clinton also made an appearance.

"I asked him if he still played the saxophone and he held his thumb and index finger close together and said, 'just a little bit' — in that classic Clinton voice," Young said in a recent phone call.

Young talked during a studio break, as he and his band completed work on four tracks from their upcoming second album. Like the first, they recorded at Rocking Horse Studio in Pittsfield. Young and studio owner Brian Coombes have been friends for more than seven years.

"I feel warm and comfortable there," said Young. "It's like home to me."

The as-yet unnamed disc is a musical departure, with gritty rockers replacing the blues and ballads of the band's first record.

"Put the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and say, the Beatles in a bag and shake it to see what came out," said Young. "That's what this album is like, and I'm very excited."

"Talk It Up" is driven by Andy Devine's southern-fried slide guitar and a crunchy backbeat.

"You can picture Mick Jagger jumping up and down with his index finger in the air," said Young.

The band — Young, Devine, drummer Dave Lombard, Jeff Leroy on keyboards



The Brooks Young Band. Courtesy photo.

and bass player John Condlin - find a Dave Matthews groove on "Never Thought I'd See You," which features a saxophone and Young on acoustic guitar.

Those and other new musical elements will surprise fans. Young plays a Gibson Les Paul on one track; a picture of him with the guitar lit generated a blitz of Facebook comments.

"Everyone who knows me knows that I am a Fender Strat guy," he said. "They all went, 'Brooks Young playing a Les Paul?'"

Young said he's inspired by a recent friendship with Eric Clapton's longtime guitar tech Lee Dickson, who told him there's no money in the blues.

"I said, 'OK, I'm never writing another blues tune again.' I took his advice," said Young. "We are really aiming for the rock and roll. We're trying to capture really who we are."

"Although," Young added with a laugh, "I will play with BB King."

He hasn't completely forsaken the blues, either. On Jan. 19, the band will perform at Concord's Purple Pit Jazz Club, a *Storytellers*-styled evening of blues standards and a few originals.

Playing alongside big names is a habit dating back to his first appearance with King on Sept. 11, 2001, while he was still a teenager. Since then, he's joined Brad Whitford on stage; the Aerosmith guitarist gave Young front row seats and backstage passes to the band's sold-out TD Bank North show

and may guest on the BYB album. Southside Johnny, James Montgomery, Huey Lewis and Chris Isaak are among the other stars the band has worked with.

One recent appearance in particular stands out for Young. After opening for Robert Randolph and the Family Band in Concord, he hung out backstage with the slide guitarist. Randolph asked Young to join him to play "Sunshine of Your Love," Cream's late '60s hit.

"I said, 'Great! I'm a huge fan of Clapton' — and he says, 'Good, because you're singing it.'"

Performing with Randolph in front of a hometown crowd was so exhilarating that Young almost forgot he had a job to do.

"He and I are soloing back and forth, and I'm thinking, holy crap ... I had no time to warm up, so I just went with the flow. I had to stop and remind myself to play the notes and sing," he said. "It's a moment I'll never forget."

Brooks Young Band

When: Friday, Dec. 21, at 8:30 p.m.

Where: Lakes Region Casino, 1265 Laco-
nia Road in Laconia

Also performing:

Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. at The Purple Pit Jazz Club, 3 Pleasant St. Ext. in Concord

◀96 CERT at the Folk Music Society's Bass Hall (19 Grove St., Peterborough) Fri., Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. The concert will showcase songs from Schmidt's album *Bend in the River: Collected Songs*. Tickets range from \$12-\$15. Call 924-3235 or visit peterboroughhistory.org.

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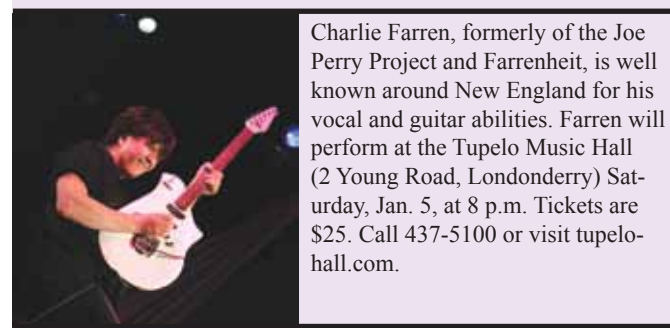
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CHARLIE COMES TO TOWN



Charlie Farren, formerly of the Joe Perry Project and Farrenheit, is well known around New England for his vocal and guitar abilities. Farren will perform at the Tupelo Music Hall (2 Young Road, Londonderry) Saturday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 437-5100 or visit tupelo-hall.com.

Factory at Raxx Billiards, 1211 Elm St., Manchester, on Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The jam is 18-plus.

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Beyond blues

Popa Chubby brings an array of influences to Tupelo

By Cory Francer
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One of the things that Popa Chubby says he misses most about the New York City he grew up in is the distinct neighborhood division. On his latest album, *Back to New York City*, Chubby sings about the changes to his hometown, disappointed at how it's become "one big strip mall."

While Chubby's driving force is the blues, the influences from New York's varying neighborhoods are clear. Heavily distorted guitar harkens back to the punk scene of the late 1970s, and an acoustic guitar solo in the middle of "Pound of Flesh" came about from the sounds Popa Chubby remembers from Spanish Harlem.

"Life is too short for one flavor, and I'm not a vanilla kind of guy," Chubby said while driving through Georgia after a tour stop in Charleston, S.C., on his way to a show in Tallahassee, Fla.

Though blues and rock are the most prevalent genres in his music, it was a funk legend that gave Ted Horowitz the "Popa Chubby" stage name. During a jam session with Bernie Worrell, the group was playing the former Parliament keyboardist's tune called "Popa Chubby" and Horowitz said it would make a great band name.

From then on, the band was called Popa Chubby, and eventually, Horowitz started using it to refer to himself.

Popa Chubby will bring his brand of

hard-driving blues rock to the Tupelo Music Hall in Londonderry on Friday, Dec. 28. In addition to music from his own catalog, which spans 20 albums, fans might hear some covers as well.

Chubby said one of his biggest influences in life and music is Jimi Hendrix, and Chubby has been known to tackle some Hendrix classics in his sets. He also recently developed his own take on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," a tune he says can elicit an emotional audience response.

With a few adjustments to his volume knob and delay pedal, Chubby intros the song with what sounds like a violin before he kicks his Fender Stratocaster back into a traditional blues guitar sound. Chubby said that it has been an enjoyable experience to develop his own take on a beloved classic, and audiences have appreciated the version as well.

"I want people to connect with it," Chubby said. "The meaning it has to people is very specific to them. It may mean something to you and mean something different to someone else. When you play music, you try to elicit emotion."

Throughout his live shows and studio records, Chubby said its also important to mix up his own sound. Changing the ways he plays guitar and sings from song to song keeps the set fresh and exciting for the audience, he said.

"Some guitarists you go and see are good at one thing, and then a half hour into show



Popa Chubby will play Tupelo Music Hall on Friday, Dec. 28. Courtesy photo.

Popa Chubby

Where: Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry

When: Friday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$25. Call 437-5100 or visit tupelohall.com.

you're bored," Chubby said.

The band is set to take the Tupelo stage at 8 p.m. For fans in the Granite State that won't be able to make it to Popa Chubby's show in Londonderry, he will return to New Hampshire for the Plymouth Blues Summit with Joe Louis Walker and Sugar Ray & The Bluetones on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Flying Monkey Movie House & Performance Center in Plymouth. 🐾

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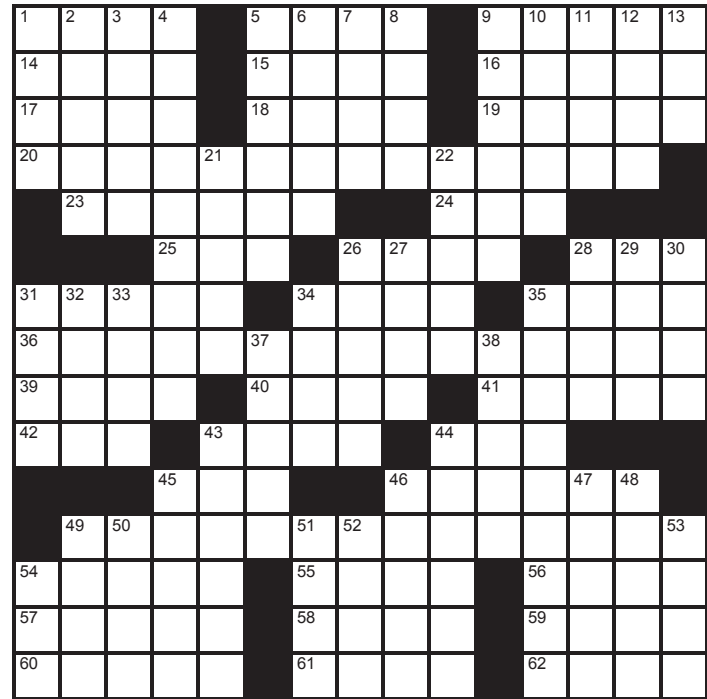
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44. Had w/Coke, at show
45. 'Rockaway' Ocasek
46. Only thing guitarists use w/their feet
49. '85 U2 EP 'Wide ___' (5,2,7)
54. Elvis' shoe material
55. Note or sound
56. '10 Soulfly album that foreshadows?
57. Bad boy rockers might go to court for this
58. Barenaked Ladies song named after city west of Tulsa?
59. Gaslight Anthem '___ Or Swim'
60. 'Coconut' Nilsson
61. 'On How Life Is' Gray
62. James Beyonce played in 'Cadil-

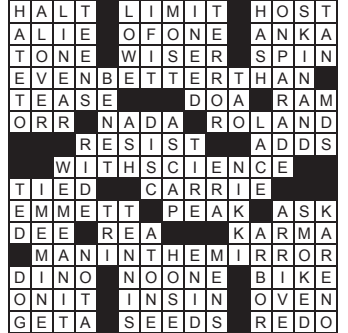
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1. State-named '01 Slipknot album
2. What no band wants from groupies
3. 'Mack The Knife' Bobby
4. Steely Dan is never going back to theirs (3,6)
5. You want your songs on them
6. Career boo-boo
7. Key-man Price of The Animals
8. Van Halen's "VH" symbol, e.g. (1,4,3,7)
9. What music brings to faces
10. Animal Collective row out in a 'Flesh' one
11. LFO 'Girl ___' (2,2)
12. Van might blow one
13. Hurt 'Fighting ___'
21. Starving artist might do grave-yard one
22. Jumpin' Jack ___
26. Mariah Carey "You'll finally see the truth that ___ lies in you" (1,4)
27. Social D 'Story Of My Life' singer Mike
28. Failure 'Let It ___'
29. Red Hot Chili Peppers 'The Uplift ___ Party Plan'
30. Rocker bracelet?
31. Estate auction actions
32. Egyptian goddess-inspired Dylan song?
33. Bob Marley 'Stop ___ Train'
34. Michael Jackson exclamation "___ On!"
35. Seal 'Kiss ___' (4,1,4)

37. How many times Bob Marley will 'Do It'
38. Short, technical composition
43. Man Overboard 'Voted Most ___'
44. '92 Black Crowes hit about their medicine?
45. Might be up, for new music
46. ___! At The Disco
47. Dave Pirner "There's a ___ to how long I can wait"
48. Cheap Trick '___ Of A Woman'
49. Norwegian metal band ___ Noir
50. Bob of Furthur
51. Star couple
52. 'Lady Marmalade' singer Hendryx
53. 60s 'Diana' singer Paul
54. All-female 'Horror Wrestling' band Drain ___
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Pasta Loft: Rich & Bobby

Nashua

Killarney's: Kieran McNally

• **Bellevue Cadillac** Fri., Dec. 21, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Lou Gramm, Julian Lage, Nels Cline** Sat., Dec. 22, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **James Montgomery Band** Thurs., Dec. 27, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Popa Chubby** Fri., Dec. 28, at

8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Recycled Percussion** Fri., Dec. 28, at 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
• **Stephen Kellogg** Sat., Dec. 29, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Charlie Farren** Sat., Jan. 5, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Peter Mayer** Fri., Jan. 11, at 8

p.m., Tupelo
• **Cherry Poppin' Daddies** Sat., Jan. 12, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
• **Little Feat** Sat., Jan. 12, at 8 p.m., Cap Center
• **Johnny Winter** Sat., Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
• **Apple Hill String Quartet** Fri., Jan. 18, at 8 p.m., Colonial

LAUGHS, COMING UP



Seacoast based comedy group DARWiN’S WAITiNG ROOM has a busy couple weeks coming up. On Monday, Dec. 31, the group will host a New Year’s Eve celebration at Momma D’s Casa Di Pasta (347 Shattuck Way, Newington) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$49 and includes a buffet dinner. Call 431-6511. From Friday, Jan. 4 to Sunday, Jan. 6, the group will perform WiCKED WiT iN THE WEST END at the West End Studio Theater (959 Islington St., Portsmouth). Call 505-8053 to reserve tickets. Pictured: DARWiN’S WAITiNG ROOM. Courtesy photo.

MERRY, MERRY FUNNY



Local comedian Juston McKinney returns to Portsmouth to host “A Merry Funny New England Christmas.” The show at The Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth) is on Friday, Dec. 21, and in addition to McK-inney will feature Frank Santorelli, Kelly MacFarland and Jeff Koen. Tickets are \$40 and \$28. Call 436-2400 or visit themusichall.org.

Old Amsterdam: Chasing Amy Peddler’s Daughter: Mindseye
Newmarket
Stone Church: The Ghost Dinner Band
Plaistow
The Sad Cafe: Wasted Dilemma, Left Hand Blue, Death by Bill, At All Costs, Lost Thoughts, NeoN Down
Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Andrea Szirbick

and Holiday Cheerers
Dolphin Striker: Sum X 4
Gas Light Co.: DJ Koko P, Charlie Christos, Matt Langley
Press Room: Martin England & The Reconstructed, Americana
Thirsty Moose: Shut Down Brown Band
Salem
Black Water Grill: Kevin Elliot
Jocelyn’s Lounge: Marc Fleury
Sunapee
One Mile West Tavern: The

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Friday, Dec. 21
Manchester
Headliners: Dave Rat-tigan
Friday, Dec. 21
Portsmouth
Music Hall: A Merry Funny New England Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 22
Manchester
Headliners: Dave Rat-tigan
Saturday, Dec. 29
Manchester
Headliners: Robbie Printz

Sunday, Jan. 6
Portsmouth
West End Studio Theater: Darwin’s Waiting Room
Friday, Jan. 18
Concord
Cap Center: Catch Comedy Night: Capitol

Steps
Saturday, March 2
Concord
Cap Center: Headliners Comedy Club with Joe Yannetty, Mike Murray and Matt D

Elmores
Sunday, Dec. 23
Concord
Hermanos: Paul Heckel & John Hunter
Dover
Brick House: DJ Erich Kruger
Kelley’s Row: Badigan
Hampton
Ron’s Landing: The Read/Allan Duo
Londonderry
Whippersnappers: Gardner Berry

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Danille Miraglia
The Red Door: Green Lion Crew
Ri Ra: Drew Szeliga
Thirsty Moose: The If In Life, Eyenine

Monday, Dec. 24
Manchester
Fratello’s: Rob Wolfe

Merrimack
The Homestead: Charlie Christos
Jade Dragon: DJ Paul Roy

Nashua
Studio 99: Ukulele Club
Wednesday, Dec. 26
Concord
Hermanos: Mike Stockbridge

Dover
Fury’s: Shark Martin
Manchester
Fratello’s: Steve Sibulkin
Jokers: Brooks Hubbard

Meredith
Giuseppe’s: Bob Rutherford
Merrimack
The Homestead: Brian Gray
Milford
J’s Tavern: Lisa Guyer
Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Tom Yoder
Press Room: Poor Howard
The Red Door: Red on Red with Evaredy

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Eclipse*, by Stephenie Meyer, born Dec. 24, 1973.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *All our attempts at subterfuge had been in vain. Your James Bond skills are not at their best this week.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *With ice in my heart, I watched him prepare to defend me. His intense concentration betrayed no hint of doubt, though he was outnumbered. It's OK to doubt, and try to warm up your heart a little.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Would I ever learn the outcome of that other fight? Find out who the winners and losers were? No, but you'll find out how they played the game.*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *I ran my fingers across the page, feeling the dents where he had pressed the pen to the paper so hard that it had nearly broken through. ... I could imagine the frustration pulling his black eyebrows together and crumpling his forehead. Don't let frustration crumple your forehead.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *The word boyfriend had me chewing on the inside of my cheek with a familiar tension while I stirred. It wasn't the right word, not at all. I needed something more expressive of eternal commitment. ... But words like destiny and fate sounded hokey when you used them in casual conversation. Steer away from anything hokey during casual conversation.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Ever since my former best friend (and werewolf), Jacob Black, had informed on me about the motorcycle I'd been riding on the sly — a betrayal he had devised in order to get me grounded so that I couldn't spend time with my boyfriend (and vampire), Edward Cullen — Edward had been allowed to see me only from seven till nine-thirty p.m.,*

always inside the confines of my home and under the supervision of my dad's unfailingly crabby glare. If only you hadn't ridden that motorcycle, you'd be able to spend all the time you want with vampires.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *I knew I must be patient with Edward. It wasn't that he was unreasonable, it was just that he didn't understand. Be patient, but don't hold your breath waiting for understanding.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *So what was the better course of action? Spend time with them while I could? Or start the separation now to make it more gradual? I quailed at the idea of the second option. Quail hunting might be the best course of action.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Before Edward's return, my school friends had polarized into two groups. I liked to think of those groups as good vs. evil. Us and them worked, too. Try to be a uniter.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *She knew why I came here — to the very edge of the earth and sky and sea. To be alone. She knew that this was all I wanted. Just to be alone. But Leah was going to force her company on me, anyway. It won't be easy to get away from it all.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *I looked in the pan on the stove — the source of the smell that had alerted me. 'Stirring helps,' I said mildly. I found a spoon and tried to de-clump the mushy hunk that was scalded to the bottom. Prepare to spend some time de-clumping a mushy hunk.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Now I could hear the faint rustle of the matted leaves beneath my toenails, the whisper of an owl's wings above me, the ocean — far, far in the west — moaning against the beach. Hear this, and nothing more. How long are your toenails, anyway?*

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By Dave Green

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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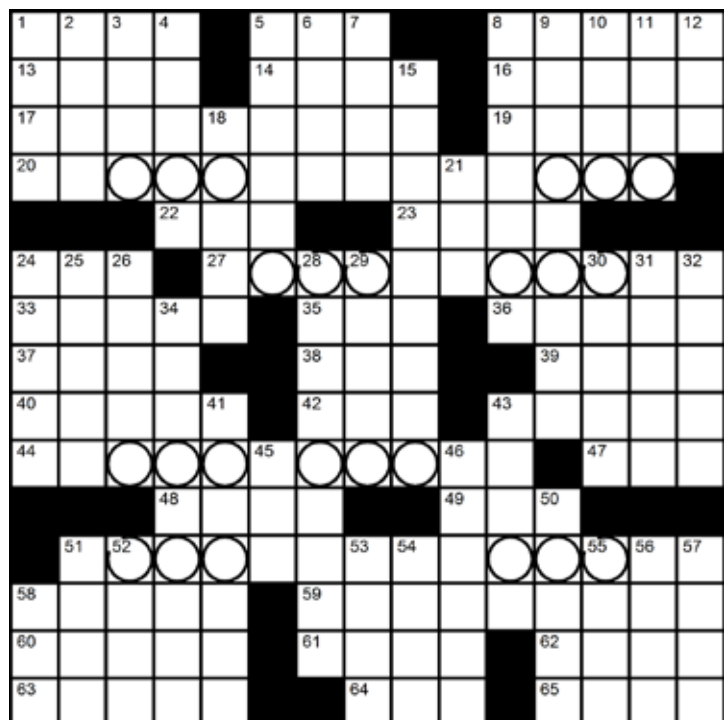
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“Paired Up” — they’re always together!

Across

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| 1 Word of surprise | 19 School, in Quebec |
| 5 Dreamworks ____ (movie studio) | 20 PepsiCo beverage introduced in 2001 |
| 8 Praiseful poet | 22 Sleepy cohort |
| 13 LBJ daughter | 23 Word before hog or rage |
| 14 ____ Plus (shampoo) | 24 Angel dust |
| 16 Place for concerts | |



- 27 What Ali wore in a historic match against Liston
33 “You Be ____” (Run-D.M.C. hit)
35 Rival of LA
36 Big bucks
37 Check out the factory
38 Football coach Parseghian
39 Gas or elec., e.g.
40 Lot dwellers
42 “U just got pwned”
43 “____ a Letter to My Love” (1980 movie)
44 Used delaying tactics
47 Trite answer to “What’s up?” (with “the”)
48 Bog fuel
49 To catch a thief
51 “Mary Poppins” song refrain
58 Grim Reaper’s collection

12/13



- 59 The world of Bond
60 Chicken, in a taqueria
61 “The Secret of ___ Inish”
62 Earth Day subj.
63 Party animal’s secret
64 ___ Schwarz
65 Dick Tracy’s love Trueheart

Down

- 1 "Born Free" lioness
- 2 Judy Garland's real last name
- 3 Bust ____ (fire off rounds)
- 4 Cut into cubes
- 5 Toastmasters preparation
- 6 TV chef Graham
- 7 Pirate's drink
- 8 Pitching style
- 9 Like some trees or teeth
- 10 "Can I let you ____ a little secret?"
- 11 Be pouty
- 12 Swinger's stand
- 15 Return to keep kids safe
- 18 Documented
- 21 URL punctuation
- 24 Breads for hummus
- 25 Influence
- 26 Dwarf planet that Neil deGrasse Tyson helped demote
- 28 All riled up
- 29 Alpine region of Austria
- 30 Students take them

- 31 “Hogan’s Heroes” colonel
32 Like soy sauce
34 They combat fatigue
41 Looks good on first inspection
43 It shares a 45-mile border with
Canada
45 Female army enlistee, once
46 City in a Pauly Shore movie title
50 “The Devil and Daniel Webster”
author
51 Not dorky
52 Dance with a story
53 “Time ___ the essence”
54 Org. that gives out ratings
55 “The Amazing ___”
56 They may get inflated
57 British pie contents
58 Number on a Banana Boat bottle

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

Artful Dodgers

The head of the Perse School in Cambridge, England, recently instituted a “10-Second Rule” for minor disciplinary infractions: Students could avoid punishment if they quickly produced a clever explanation for their misbehavior. “Getting children to talk their way out of a tight corner in a very short period of time” said Ed Elliott, encourages creativity and could produce a generation of British entrepreneurs. Said a supporter, “Often the ones who get further are the artful dodgers,” who “bend the truth.” (Elliott warned, though, that “out-and-out falseness” would not be tolerated.)

Can't Possibly Be True

• Sheriff's officials in Deerfield Beach, Fla., arrested nine people in October and charged them in connection with a betting ring that set point spreads and took bets not only on pro and college games but on kids' games of the South Florida Youth Football League. Six thousand children play in the 22-team association.

• Too Silly To Be True: (1) Police in Geraldton, Australia, reported in November that they had captured a thief they were chasing in the dark through a neighborhood's backyards. As the thief came to a fence and leaped over it, he happened to land on a family's trampoline and was propelled backward, practically into cops' laps. (2) Guy Black, 76, was charged in Turbotville, Pa., in October with threatening housemate Ronald Tanner with a chainsaw. Tanner, defending himself with the only “weapon” within reach — an umbrella — managed to pin Black with it as the chainsaw jammed. (Most people who bring an umbrella to a chainsaw fight would be less successful.)

ly doesn't do anything.” [Washington Post, 10-12-2012]

Unclear On The Concept

• In October, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals petitioned Irvine, Calif., to create a roadside memorial for the truckload of live fish that had perished in a recent traffic accident. (After all, fish, like humans, use tools, tell time, sing, and have long-term memories, wrote PETA.) On the other hand, the traffic casualties that day were en route to the Irvine Ranch Market to be sold as food.

• The governing Council of Brentwood, England, professes a “reputation as one of the most transparent” in the country, but in November, responding to a Freedom of Information request for documents on a government contract, it merely released 425 totally-blackened (“redacted”) pages. The official explanation was that all of the papers concerning construction of a movie theater were deemed “commercially sensitive” and “not in the public interest.” (Following an outcry, the Council re-thought the FOI request and disclosed “considerably more information,” according to the Daily Telegraph.)

Michigan Egos On Parade

(1) Detroit police chief Ralph Godbee was suspended in October after an affair with a subordinate became public. Godbee's predecessor had been fired for the same reason (among other reasons), and in fact, Godbee had previously had an affair with the same subordinate who had been implicated with his predecessor. (2) The former mayor of Flint, Don Williamson, who resigned in 2009 while being targeted in a recall election, recently erected a large bronze statue of himself outside his home in Davison

Township. (3) In June, former Detroit mayor or Kwame Kilpatrick, having served 99 days in jail on obstruction-of-justice charges and still awaiting a federal corruption trial, asked Michigan prison officials to relieve him of “community service” parole obligations — because he had a number of paid speeches scheduled out of town.

Readers' Choice

High School Inspirations: (1) Trent Bauer became a mid-season replacement as starting quarterback for Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (Lexington, Ky.) after beginning the season merely as the team's bulldog-costumed mascot on the sidelines. In his first game, in October, he threw two touchdown passes in a 22-19 victory. (2) Also in October, South Plantation (Fla.) High School's third-string quarterback, Ms. Erin DiMeglio, was voted the school's homecoming queen. In her first game this season, she had come off the bench in a brief stint and completed two passes.

Thanks this week to Harry Thompson, Sandy Pearlman, Raan Young, Bruce Leisero-witz, Tim Trehwella, Francee Fuller, and Hal Dunham, and to the News of the Weird Board of Editorial Advisors.

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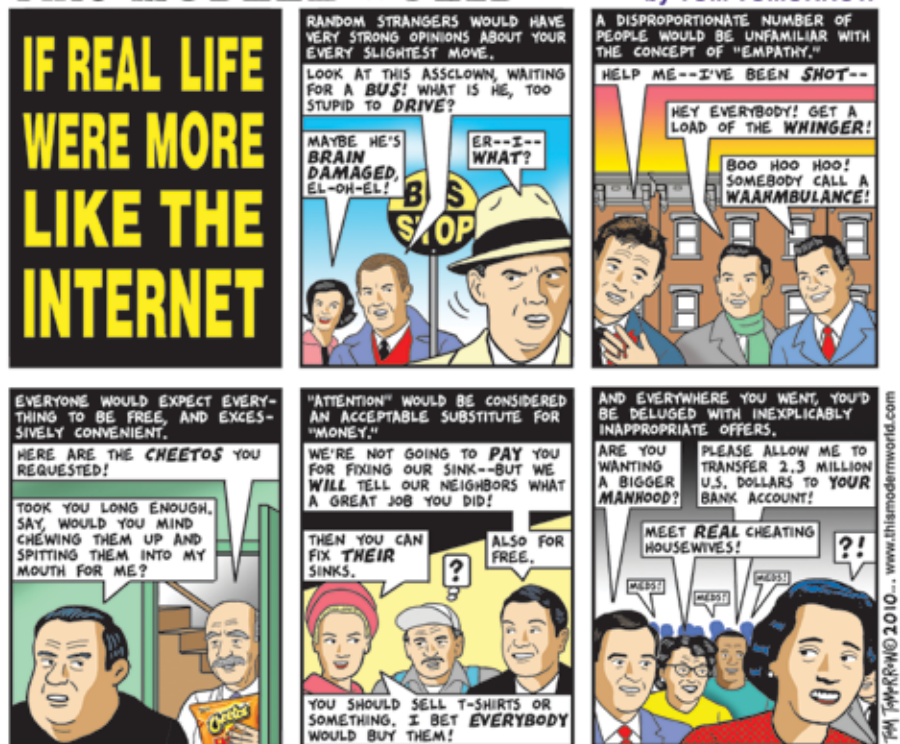
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Incredible

• Deputy NYPD Commissioner Paul Browne told reporters in November that, in the 24 hours of Monday, November 26th, not a single criminal shooting, stabbing, or slashing was reported in the five boroughs. Browne said no police official could remember such a day, ever. (The city is on track to finish 2012 with fewer than 400 homicides-compared to the record year of 1990, when 2,245 people were murdered.)

• “Braco,” a Croatian-born “healer” (although he rejects the term), seems to make legions of sick or troubled believers feel better merely by entering a room and gazing at them in silence for a few minutes before leaving. (A Washington Post reporter, seeking relief from his allergies, attended a 100-person session in Alexandria, Va., in October, but found no improvement.) “Whatever is flowing through him,” said one transfixed fan, “is able to connect with a part of us.” Said another enthusiast, “The thing that makes Braco unique is he real-

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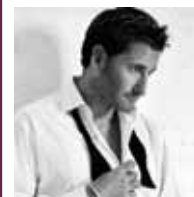
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